

Toll Bridge Bandit Is Captured

Robber Shot by Gateman and Again by Council Bluffs Officers Arrested at Missouri Valley.

Wounds May Prove Fatal

Harry Bolden, 28, one of the pair of bandits who Saturday night held up Charles Vanderloo, 2443 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, tollman on the Douglas street bridge and escaped from a tight corner into which they were forced by Bluffs police, was captured by the marshal at Missouri Valley and is now in the Jennie Edmondson Memorial hospital at Council Bluffs.

The gunman is suffering from wounds which may prove fatal. One of them was inflicted by a bullet from Vanderloo's gun as the two bandits made their escape from the scene of their crime, and the others are results of shots fired at them by Ray Brown, Bluffs policeman, as they ran the gauntlet of a squad of officers at Pearl street and Broadway.

Bolden was arrested at the home of a doctor in Missouri Valley, where his companion took him for medical attention. The town marshal saw them enter the house and called Sheriff Walter Millman from Logan, who placed the wounded man in custody. The second robber escaped in the automobile before sheriff arrived.

Little Loot Obtained

The two gunmen parked their roadster at the east end of the Douglas street bridge Saturday night. Then they walked to the toll-house at that end of the structure and held up Vanderloo. They obtained between \$5 and \$7 from the cash register and struck the tollman over the head in an attempt to make him produce more cash.

The moment they left the toll-house, Vanderloo seized the door and began shooting at them. A bullet struck Bolden in the shoulder and he fell to the ground. His comrade carried him to the automobile, then drew his own gun and returned Vanderloo's fire. Several bullets penetrated the tollhouse walls, but none struck the tollman.

Vanderloo telephoned the Twenty-eighth street barn and reported the episode. Bluffs police headquarters were in turn notified to look out for the automobile.

Bandits Intercepted

A squad of policemen left the station in a police car and drove west on Broadway. They met the gunmen's car at Pearl street and Broadway, at the head of a long string of automobiles approaching for the west. The bandits were forced to stop their car in observation of traffic rules, by a Fifth avenue street car which stopped at the corner to take on passengers.

The police chauffeur drove in ahead of the street car and stopped just in front of the roadster, nearly blocking the roadway. Two or three officers called to the bandits to throw up their hands. The gunman at the wheel of the other car, threw his machine into reverse, backed a few feet, then changed gears, stepped on the accelerator and shot past the police machine.

Wounded Second Time

Ray Brown, sitting in the front seat of the car, fired three shots at the robbers, two of his bullets striking the already wounded bandit in the abdomen. The engine in the police car had stalled and by the time it was started, the escaping men were out of sight.

Less than an hour later the marshal at Missouri Valley noticed a roadster stop in front of a doctor's house in that town. He saw the driver help an injured man into the house. The marshal had not been notified of the shooting and had not investigated the incident. When the two men did not give him a satisfactory explanation of the bullet wounds which one had sustained, the marshal notified Sheriff Walter Millman at Logan.

One Man Escapes

The one bandit left his injured companion at the doctor's house and escaped in the car before the sheriff arrived. Police are seeking him. The machine bore a Nebraska number and it is believed both robbers were from Omaha.

Chief of Police James Nicoll, upon being notified yesterday morning of the apprehension of the one gunman at Missouri Valley, took Charles Vanderloo and Ray Brown to that town. Both men identified the wounded prisoner as one of the pair who held up the toll station and escaped. He was brought back to the Bluffs and lodged in the Jennie Edmondson Memorial hospital.

U. S. Steel Corporation Announces Wage Reduction

Gary, Ind., April 3.—A 20 per cent reduction in wages and the eight-hour day will be put into effect by the United States Steel corporation, of which Elbert H. Gary is president, about April 15 according to unofficial reports from local offices. About 30,000 men are employed in the company's plants when they are running full time. Installation of the eight-hour day would mean that 10,000 additional men would be required to run the plants at full speed.

French Town Honored

St. Mihiel, France, April 3.—The Croix de Guerre was conferred on St. Mihiel, scene of a successful three-days' action by the American troops during the war. The ceremony was attended by prominent French and American citizens. Col. R. John West represented the American embassy.

William Leads to Wed Niece of Constantine

Athens, April 3.—William B. Leeds, son of Princess Anastasia of Greece, who arrived a few days ago by airplane to visit his sick mother, has become engaged to Princess Xenia, 17, second daughter of the grand Duchess Marie and niece of King Constantine, it was learned today. The marriage will take place in June, and the couple plan to reside in America.

Fight Over Tax Bill of Governor Looms in House

Determined Attack to Be Made on Measure Changing "Antiquated" System—Censorship Bill Up.

Lincoln, April 3.—(Special.)—Senate File 65, Governor McKelvie's tax bill, which went through the senate after undergoing a week's bombardment, is easily the headline feature of the present session. The governor is attempting to make sweeping changes in the alleged antiquated taxation system of Nebraska, which, he says, is 15 years behind the times in taxation reform, compared to certain sister states. The bill has made the governor the chief actor in the bitterest fight of his political career.

So far, the administration has stood like a stone wall. Whether it can withstand an attack in the turbulent lower house is a problem. The bill must be considered there soon. The interests fighting it are on the ground. A determined attack will be launched on the bill when it comes up for consideration.

Representative George Williams of Fillmore will lead administration forces in pushing the measure through the house. Williams has worked hard to get the bill through the taxation committee. He is well informed and conversant with taxation problems from all angles. Whether he can separate the wheat from the chaff, so to speak, clearly enough so the lower house members can understand the bill, is a question administration is driving at is a question.

Saved Insurance Bill

If Williams puts the taxation bill through, the administration will have two big jobs carried out, thanks to the Fillmore county man. The administration hail insurance bill was near death when the \$100,000 revolving fund was cut out of it. Williams, by a series of committee amendments which did away with objectionable features in the state hail insurance business put in by democrats two years ago, fixed the bill so that it would have approval of the house and senate.

Motion picture censorship, legal cigarette selling, label, teaching German in school, horse racing, boxing, soldier bonus, annexing Sarpy county to Douglas county, creating the street car commission, union picketing and a new occupation tax for foreign and domestic corporations are a few of the big problems left for solution on the closing days. The solons hope two weeks will finish up the session. Senator Beebe will lead the anti-censorship fight and will introduce the "high license" substitute.

Boxing Bill Has Been in a Committee Since March 7

American Legion men are expected at the state house this week to spur committee members to haste in getting the bill on general file before it too late.

The old Norval language bill, passed when the war was at its height during the war, has been strengthened. It comes up in the lower house at 10, Tuesday morning. The American Legion is behind the bill. Other powerful political interests are opposed to it.

The anti-cigarette bill, which is passed, will make hundreds of lawbreakers and law defiers in Nebraska, who as past experience has proved, will continue to sell cigarettes, is certain to come up in the lower house soon.

Its passage means taking thousands of dollars away from Nebraska interests and giving the money to Iowa firms who will handle the Nebraska business from across the Missouri river. Nor is the passage of the bill expected to sit well on former soldiers. The bill will be hotly contested.

Annexation Bill Popular

The Randall-Haskell anti-picketing bill is due to go on third reading in the house this week. If it passes the house, the measure will undergo fire in the senate.

The Sarpy-Douglas county annexation bill is increasing in popularity by leaps and bounds since members discovered that they could save the state \$300,000 by putting the bill through and thus, if an annexation election is carried, throw the cost of paving a road to Fort Crook on the willing shoulders of Douglas county.

This bill, growing out of the attack on the Jews by Henry Ford, will be considered in the lower house this week. The bill by Senator Cooper of Omaha, giving rates opportunity to sue for libel, growing out of the attack on the Jews by Henry Ford, will be considered in the senate next week.

The Reed-Mears corporation occupation tax bill, delayed from consideration Saturday, to give members an opportunity to study it, will be considered in the lower house this week. Then there are others, including: "Clinical psychologists" bill. Farm warehouse bill. State serum plant bill. Randall-Haskell Omaha municipal court bill. Non-partisan judiciary and primary "reform" bills. It's certain to be a real show!

Farmers Decide on Selling Plan

Fate of Co-Operative Grain And Livestock Schemes to Be Decided at Chicago This Month.

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By FRANK RIDGEWAY. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, April 3.—Three important agricultural conferences will be held in Chicago this week. Farmers from all sections of the United States will meet here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to work out nationwide plans of marketing their grain, live stock and fruit. Representatives of different interests will meet separately. The fruit marketing conference will be held on Tuesday at the Congress hotel. The discussions will deal chiefly with the transportation of fruit, organization of co-operative marketing and problems of distributing, tariff and methods of increasing consumption of fruit. California alone is sending 25 delegates to the meeting.

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C. H. Gustafson of Lincoln, director of the co-operative department of the American Farm Bureau, who will preside at the fruit growers' meeting, is also chairman of both the grain and live stock marketing committees. Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace will address the farmers' grain marketing committee of 17 at its ratification meeting on Wednesday. The committee's plan, which has been in process of making for several months, will be ratified or rejected at this meeting. There will be 17 delegates from 15 central and western states, sent here with authority to act upon the proposed system of marketing grain.

Since the committee's last meeting here, state meetings have been held throughout the nation, at which members of the committee met with the growers to explain the new plan of marketing grain on a co-operative basis.

Committee of 15 Thursday

On Thursday, following the fruit and grain conferences, the farmers' live stock marketing committee of 15 will hold its second meeting at the LaSalle hotel. Since the first meeting, various data and exhibits gathered from all parts of the country and reports will be made by various subcommittees on investigations made since February. It is understood that a national live stock marketing system will be worked out by this committee, similar to the plan of marketing proposed by the grain interests. It would secure the cables and additional territory to the extent of more than 1,000,000 square miles, or approximately one-third of her present territory. We would cancel the allied debt, with the understanding that we would go into Africa to cooperate with France and England in carrying out a great constructive policy such as we have announced with reference to the Philippines.

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Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright, 1921. Paris, April 3.—The French government is about to undertake the long-dreamed-of task of harnessing the ocean to supply power. M. Leconte, minister of public works, announced that an item of 2,500,000 francs in his budget is for construction of machinery at the mouth of the Rance river for utilization of Atlantic waters, or what is called in France, "blue coal."

The plan is simple. The Rance has a 50-foot tide. Enormous reservoirs will be constructed in and out of which the tide water will flow through penings hiding turbines. When the tide rises the turbines will turn and when the tide runs out, the turbines must use all her natural forces," says Le Troquer.

France Would Fix German War Debt At \$15,000,000,000

Plans for Liquidation of Obligations of All Nations Presented by Maryland Senator.

Philadelphia, April 3.—Plans for the liquidation of the external obligations of every nation was presented here last night by Senator France of Maryland before the American Academy of Political and Social Science. He termed unconditional cancellation "unconceivable," but maintaining some plan must be adopted, as international debts block world trade circulation, upon which civilization is dependent, said:

"The United States should call a conference of the interested powers for the purpose of proposing this method of settlement or one embodying these principles:

"The German indemnity would be fixed at the sum tentatively agreed upon at the Anglo-French eighth conference, \$15,000,000,000. Germany to receive credit for at least \$5,000,000,000 for the cables and for the territories in Africa and Oceania transferred to the allied and associated powers."

"This method of liquidation would enable Germany at once to begin to purchase from England, France, Russia and the United States what she so desperately needs. The United States would then purchase from the allied and associated powers for at least \$7,000,000,000 or possibly for the full amount of the debts owed to us, these cables and these territories in Africa and Oceania. This operation would give us liquidation, not by cancellation, but by substitution of valuable assets for securities of doubtful value."

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Girl-Wife and Husband Charged With Murder Of Her Stepmother

New York, April 3.—Following the finding of the body of Mrs. Brookline, buried in the mire at the Edge of Cooper's pond, with a torii-neck made from sash cord bound about her neck, Mrs. Carolina Verderosa, 28, stepdaughter of the slain woman and her husband, Luciano Verderosa, 28, were today held without bail on a charge of murder in the first degree.

The body of the woman, richly clad and wrapped in a Persian shawl, was discovered by two boys playing at the edge of the pond. That robbery was the motive for the killing was indicated in that the dead woman still wore jewels valued at \$2,000 and carried \$45 in a purse.

According to Detective Daniel Connolly, who signed a short affidavit charging the young couple with the killing of the widow, bits of the kind of sash cord with which the women had been strangled were found hidden in a store room of the Verderosa home.

Oklahoman Undaunted By Windy City Crooks; Plans for Come-Back

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, April 3.—"I'm coming back to this man-sized town when I get some more money," said Gustave Hammar of Stuttgart, Ark., after Judge Howard Hayes had dismissed him on a drunk and disorderly charge.

"I'm coming back," reiterated Hammar, "but the next time, I'll bring two razors."

A policeman had picked Mr. Hammar out of a gutter on the West Side and escorted him to the station. "Drunk and disorderly," said the bailiff when Gustave's case was called.

"Thash it," agreed Gustave. "Broke," queried the judge. "Guesh 'gain," chortled Gustave. "Oh! Gush too smart. Fr these city slickers. Carry my money inside my shirt."

Smiling he worked his fumbling way through various thicknesses of vest and shirts, but his hand emerged empty.

"It's gone," he admitted, "had \$150 and a razor to fight 'em with. Thash gone, too."

"Too bad," sympathized the judge. "These Chicago boys are pretty rough. I'm going to let you go, as you have been punished enough."

Breaks Legs in Fall

Pawnee City, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—T. E. Jones of Liberty had both of his legs broken at Beatrice when a stand at the driving park there gave way. About 50 men were in the stand.

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Former French Premier Gives Up Idea That America Will Ratify Treaty of Versailles.

Expects Separate Peace

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, April 3.—The first authoritative evidence that former Premier Viviani has abandoned hope of the United States ratifying the Versailles peace treaty or entering the league of nations, was forthcoming tonight from an important member of the French delegation.

It now appears that M. Viviani, after his consultations with President Harding, Secretary of State Hughes, Senator Lodge and other leaders, is convinced the Harding administration intends to re-establish peace with Germany by means of the Knox resolution.

"The authority for this disclosure is mine other than Stéphane Lauzanne, editor of Le Matin, who accompanied M. Viviani to this country. M. Lauzanne himself had a conference yesterday with President Harding.

"There appeared in Le Matin tonight, a cable dispatch from M. Lauzanne, the following excerpts from which was cabled to this country tonight: "The American senate will vote the Knox resolution for a separate peace with Germany."

"No Chance for Treaty. "Neither President Harding, Secretary of State Hughes nor the American senate will ever ratify the Versailles treaty or the league of nations."

"The sooner the French people place themselves before this reality, however hard it may be, the better for France."

When M. Lauzanne was asked tonight whether he confirms the accuracy of this excerpt from his dispatch he said: "I don't recall whether I made the statement referring to the Knox resolution. I should have to consult my cablegram to make certain."

"Did you make the statement that the treaty and the league would not be ratified?" he was asked. "Yes, I think that is correct," he replied.

"And the statement about the French people realizing this reality?" "Oh, yes, yes," said M. Lauzanne. "That is quite correct."

Declines Discussion

Beyond this the French editor declined to discuss the situation which the French delegation is studying. He said he was too busy tonight to go into details.

That M. Lauzanne reflects the view of M. Viviani at the close of his visit to the chief of the American officials, is taken for granted, it being assumed that the distinguished French editor would be careful to make no statement to the French public concerning the American situation which was not the French minister's own comment by M. Viviani on the Lauzanne dispatch was not available tonight.

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Whether such alternatives as the elimination of the covenant from the treaty and American ratification of the peace treaty, properly revised or with reservations, were discussed by M. Viviani and Secretary Hughes, has not been disclosed.

It has been stated, however, that if such alternative action by the United States were deemed a possibility, M. Lauzanne would have qualified his statement that America would not accept the Versailles treaty.

Unmistakably, the impression given the French public is that the Viviani delegation finds the Harding administration contemplating the re-establishment of peace with Germany by means of the Knox resolutions. There is no doubt that if the president disapproves the Knox resolution it will not be adopted by the senate. If he favors the measure, it will be put through congress.

General Meet of American Legion to Be Held April 8

A general meeting of the American Legion, Douglas county post, will be held in the council chamber of the city hall, the evening of April 8. Members of the Omaha post of the Grand Army of the Republic will attend the meeting as guests of the Legion men.

A "hoodoo dance" will be given by the Legion at the Empress Garden, April 13.

Adjutant Hough is sending out a call for war trophies and souvenirs to be displayed at the booth the American Legion will have at the building show at the Auditorium, beginning April 17.

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Antioch Concern, Largest in State, Burns to Ground—Started by Switch Engine.

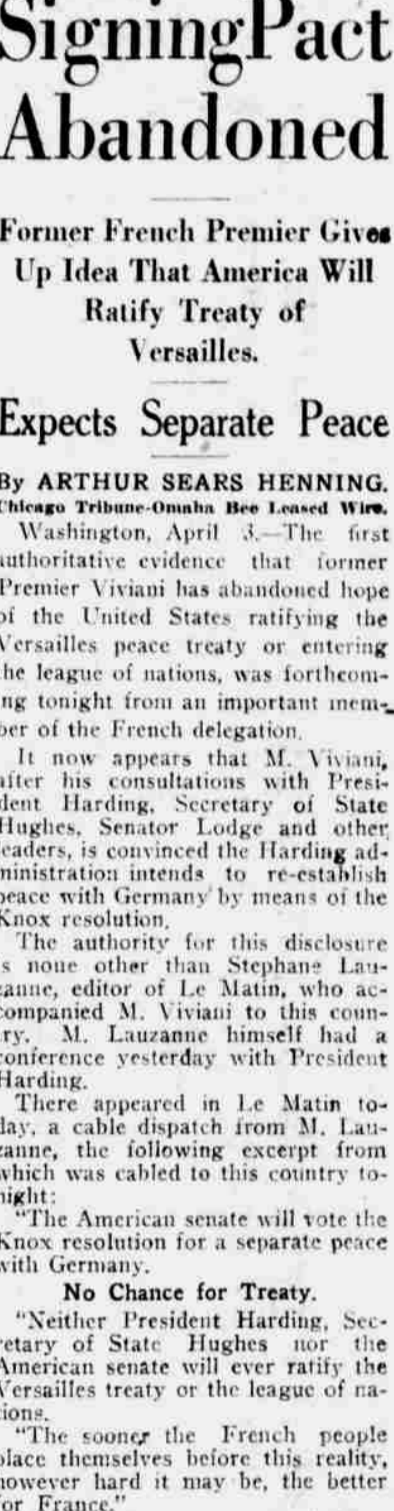
Alliance, Neb., April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire, supposed to have originated from sparks from a passing switch engine, totally destroyed the 1,000,000 plant of the American Potash company at Antioch, about 25 miles east of here, Saturday night. The huge building, which is ore more than a block in length and two-thirds of a block wide, was like tinder and the flames spread rapidly. All available fire apparatus was put into use to combat the blaze but without effect. A high wind and quantities of oil in the building contributed to the spreading of the flames and handicapped the fire-fighters.

The fire was discovered by the engine crew when the locomotive re-passed the building a few minutes after it had been ignited. Sparks evidently had been carried to the cooling tower, as that part of the structure was the first to catch fire. The building was a total loss, the asbestos-covered pipes being the only equipment to withstand the flames.

The plant had not been in operation since November 6 of last year, due to bankruptcy proceedings now pending in court. It was built in 1916 at a cost of \$1,000,000 and formerly was owned by Mr. Sharp of Lincoln. Joe Warren, superintendent of the plant, said that there was no chance to save the building. Hundreds of farmers drove in from the country to witness the fire, which lasted for several hours and for a time threatened the entire town.

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