

Coast Line Train Held Up and Robbed Near Hardeeville

Two Bold Bandits Stop First Section of Train, and Manage to Secure Several Sacks of Registered Mail.

Special Train Load of Detectives Hurried To Scene—Bloodhounds Put on Trail—Graphic Story of Robbery.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—Atlantic Coast Line train No. 80, northbound, which left Savannah twenty minutes late this morning at 12:45 o'clock, was held up by robbers a short distance from Hardeeville, S. C., just before day this morning. The train was running in two sections because of the heavy passenger traffic and it is reported the express car which the robbers were believed to be after was carried on the second section and escaped. The robbers, however, captured the mail car and secured several sacks of registered mail.

D. H. McKoy, the night operator at Hardeeville station in good condition and he gave it the signal to go ahead. Shortly after the train got away from his station and before it had gotten out of sight it stopped. He was surprised to see this as it had had no signal to stop at that point. Just about that time the second section of the train arrived from Savannah and McKoy advised the crew to go ahead and find out what the trouble was with the first section. Arriving at the spot where the first section had stopped the train crew found the utmost confusion reigning. The robbers, two in number, had forced the engineer to stop his train and covering the flagman and conductor with pistols they made the flagman open the mail car after it had been detached from the train and run some distance. Here two mail clerks were found at work and they were made to give up two bags of registered mail. The robbers then made their escape.

As quickly as possible Savannah was notified of the robbery and a special train consisting of an engine and two cars with several Coast Line officials and detectives were en route to the scene within an hour. The special was in charge of Engineer L. E. Rawls and a conductor. The Coast Line and the Southern use the same tracks out of Savannah to Hardeeville and while en route to the scene of the robbery the train with the detectives on board ran into a freight train of the Southern Railway.

Charles Reddy, the negro fireman, and Engineer Rawls, both jumped and both escaped serious injury although the negro was painfully hurt. The wreck delayed the arrival of the officials and the detectives for some time and they did not reach the scene of the robbery until several hours after it had occurred. The robbers, it is believed, boarded the train at Hardeeville as the dispatcher thinks he saw two suspicious looking characters get aboard at that point. He thinks they got between the two front coaches and from there made their way to the tender and to the engine.

Panic Among Passengers. Another feature of the robbery was the scare to the passengers on the local Coast Line train leaving here at 5:40 o'clock this morning. Just this side of Hardeeville the train was going along at a good rate of speed when suddenly there was a loud report and everybody jumped up believing it was held up, too. Pistols were drawn and the passengers determined to protect themselves at all hazards. There was almost a panic for a time until it was found that the noise had been made by a torpedo which had been placed on the track to warn the train of the delay to the second section of No. 80. Some of those on the train that was stopped were:

W. R. Kahns, of New York; T. G. Tenchard, of Baltimore; W. A. Gilmore, superintendent of bridges of the Atlantic Coast Line at Ravenel, S. C.; A. R. Williams, Savannah, and G. S. Blount, of Atlanta. The Coast Line officials said early this morning that they did not know the value of the booty secured by the robbers but that their advices were that they got away with all the registered mail the train contained. H. W. Winstead, an employe of the Georgia Railroad at Augusta, who was on the train stopped by the torpedo, realized what it was and did a great deal toward stopping the panic which had been on the place. Bloodhounds on Trail. Bloodhounds had been dispatched to the scene from Beaufort, and Hampton counties with officers. A special train carrying the special agents of the Atlantic Coast Line and several State postal inspectors and Savannah officials have been sent from Savannah to the scene of the robbery. Orders have also been issued by the railroad officials to prevent any one from going along the place, if possible, until after the bloodhounds have reached the scene.

The sheriff of Yemassee with special Agent Walker from Charleston, have also been hurried to the scene of the robbery. The train was in charge of Engineer J. E. Harris, of Charleston, Conductor Damon of Florence, and Fireman Abe Williams, colored. Engineer Harris says in his report to the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line here that as he was leaving Hardeeville he looked around and the two men had climbed in the cab and had him covered with revolvers. They ordered him to go ahead and after getting just north of North Switch ordered him to stop. They made him and his fireman get down on the ground on the left side of the engine. One of them stood guard over them while the other looked after the others. Conductor Damon went up to the engine on the right side and was shot at by one of the men and made to go to the postal car and have the postal clerks come out, the robbers threatening to blow up the car if they did not do so.

Ed Dozier, the colored porter, came up shortly after this and he was also held up by the robbers. The engineer and the postal clerks were put on the engine and Parris was made to pull ahead a short distance with the postal car. The clerks were then made to put all the registered mail into bags. A large stout man appeared to be the leader. Fifty-Five Packages Stolen. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—George Sutton, post office inspector in charge of this district, said that fifty-five registered packages were stolen by the robbers who held up the Atlantic Coast Line messenger train at Hardeeville, S. C., this morning. The government has a standing reward of 1,000 for the capture of any one who robs a mail car.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—George Sutton, post office inspector in charge of this district, said that fifty-five registered packages were stolen by the robbers who held up the Atlantic Coast Line messenger train at Hardeeville, S. C., this morning. The government has a standing reward of 1,000 for the capture of any one who robs a mail car.

Old McCreary Guards "Come Back" Also

By Associated Press. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—Next to Kentucky's incoming democratic governor, James B. McCreary, and the retiring republican governor, Augustus E. Willson, positions of honor at the inauguration today were occupied by the 12 surviving members of the old McCreary guards. This was a military company organized in Frankfort in 1877 during Gov. McCreary's first administration. Six on a side these veterans escorted the governors carriage today in the parade that led from the governor's mansion to the capitol. Gov. McCreary, most of whose life has been spent in public office, vacated the chair he re-occupied today 32 years ago. Now he is over 70.

Penston Bill Taken Up in House

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—The Sherwood service pension bill, establishing an increase of civil war pensions based on the length of service in that war was taken up in the house today with the expectation of being occupied by it would be passed late this afternoon. It is estimated to involve expenditures from \$40,000,000 upward.

Fifteen Freight Cars Derailed

Special to The News. Statesville, Dec. 12.—Fifteen cars of eastbound freight train No. 88 were derailed about five miles east of Statesville, this morning. Most of the cars are badly demolished, the track is torn up for some distance, and traffic on the Western road will be blocked most of the day. Derricks are being rushed to the scene to clear the debris. Passenger trains Nos. 11 and 36 have been annihilated between Salisbury and Asheville. Fortunately no one was hurt in the wreck.

BIG MASONIC MEETING IN CHARLESTON.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 12.—At noon the annual communication of the Grand Annual Communication of Masons in South Carolina was opened here. A chief feature was the reading of Grand Master James R. Johnson's annual report in review of the past year. George S. Mower, of Newberry, will be elected grand master tomorrow, pursuant to the custom of promotion for the principal officers. Matters of peculiar interest to the craft are being considered. O'Day to Manage Cincinnati Club. By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—Henry O'Day, umpire of the National League, was today appointed manager of the Cincinnati National League Club for the coming season.

House Committee To-day Unanimously Agreed Upon The Sulzer Resolution

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—The house committee on foreign affairs today unanimously agreed upon the Sulzer resolution directing the immediate abrogation of the 1832 treaty between the United States and Russia because of the discrimination by Russia against American Jewish citizens in the recognition of passports. The committee will urge congress to take quick action on the resolution. —Mr. Harvey Tapp, of Spartanburg, is spending the day in the city. Mr. Tapp was with the Southern Bell Co. here for several months last summer, and is well known here.



SAMUEL GOMPERS

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has become the storm center of criticism through his statement upholding the McNamara brothers before they confessed their guilt as dynamites. Gompers, after hearing of the confession readily characterized the brothers as "traitors" to Union Labor.

Want Sugar Creek Drained At Once

Messrs. John H. McAden, Joe Wadsworth, W. S. Dorr, H. M. Irwin, J. W. McClung and others who have property along Irwin's creek, have petitioned the Drainage Commission of Mecklenburg county to dredge Irwin's creek as early as possible according to the specifications mapped out by the government expert who spent several weeks in the city last spring formulating a detailed report. The delegation above mentioned appeared before the commission Saturday and made the request and was assured that the work of dredging that creek would be taken up as early as possible, but there is little probability that it can be done right away as it will take a year or more to dredge Little Sugar creek to the South Carolina line as called for. All who have seen the operations of the dredge on Sugar creek are highly pleased with the work it is doing.

SENATOR PERCY DENOUNCES AUTHOR OF ARTICLE.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Percy, of Mississippi, rose to a question of personal privilege in the senate today and delivered a scathing denunciation of an article relating to his election published in the November issue of a popular magazine. He also bitterly attacked William R. Hearst, who he said, owned the magazine and inspired the article, and former Governor Vandaman, nominated by the Mississippi democratic primary to succeed Percy.

RUSSIA WILL WITHDRAW DEMAND FOR EXPULSION.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 12.—A Russo-Persian compromise is probable, according to a telegram from Teheran to the German Cable Company. It is reported that Russia is satisfied with Persia's apology and that the Russian government will withdraw its demand for the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster.

Juror Still Lost.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—Henry W. Waldron, who disappeared while serving as a member of the jury that is trying Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, on a charge of murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, has not been found. The police today searched the Missouri river front for miles on the theory that Waldron might have thrown himself into the stream. Judge Porterfield says Waldron must appear by tonight or the jury will be discharged.

RECORD TIME IN GREAT SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—Fourteen teams left in the six-day bicycle race were more than two miles ahead of the record at 8 o'clock this morning, the end of the 32d hour. At that time 12 teams had covered 667 miles 3 laps. The best previous record, 665 miles flat, was made last year by McFarland and Clark.

CHICAGO WON REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Date Fixed as June Eighteenth —Program of Republican National Committee Almost Wholly Agreed Upon in Advance.

Taft Forces Won First Serious Fight—Resignation of Chairman Hitchcock Accepted and Former Governor Hill of Maine Elected His Successor.

CHICAGO WON CONVENTION. By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—Chicago won the convention. The date is fixed as June 18.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—With the program almost wholly agreed upon in advance, the republican, national committee met here today in quadrennial session.

While it was conceded Chicago undoubtedly would win the convention along Irwin's creek, have petitioned the Drainage Commission of Mecklenburg county to dredge Irwin's creek as early as possible according to the specifications mapped out by the government expert who spent several weeks in the city last spring formulating a detailed report.

A sharp fight developed with Postmaster General Hitchcock and other friends of Vice-Chairman Hill of the committee, insisting that Mr. Hill be given the authority to constitute the committee as he saw fit. Mr. Hill would hear of no compromise. At the end of a long series of conferences the administration forces won a complete victory. It being generally agreed that Col. Harry S. New, of Indiana, be named as chairman of the sub-committee to take charge of the convention arrangements. In addition to Colonel New they should name a majority of the sub-committee.

Arizona a Real State Now.

By Associated Press. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12.—By electing its own governor and acquiring for the first time two federal senators and one congressman, Arizona today assumed full sovereignty of a commonwealth. The democrats hope to elect Mark Smith and Henry Ashurst as Senators, but the republicans think Ralph Cameron is sure to win one of the seats.

TODAY IN CONGRESS.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 12. SENATE. In session at 2 p. m. Lorimer investigating committee again heard witnesses for the defense. A national corporation commission was urged before interstate commerce committee and trust hearings. HOUSE. Met at noon. Sherwood dollar-a-day pension bill debate continued. Foreign affairs committee agreed to favorably report Sulzer resolution for abrogation of Russian treaty.



FRANK M. RYAN

Frank M. Ryan, president of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Union with which the McNamara brothers were affiliated, and who has been hiding to escape the newspaper man, according to his counsel in Indianapolis, where he holds forth.

Borrowed Baby For Use in Court

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 12.—District Attorney St. Clair Adams is now said to be hunting for the parents of a baby alleged to have been borrowed from an orphanage for the purpose of being used in a suit in court. In connection with the case, Mrs. Marceline Everhardt and Ollie Mann, white and colored respectively, were arranged yesterday charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. An estate of \$10,000 is involved. It is charged that the baby was to have been passed off as the child of Ollie Mann.

Funeral Service of Mrs. Raynal Largely Attended

Special to The News. Statesville, Dec. 12.—The funeral service of Mrs. Mary Morrison Raynal, wife of Rev. C. E. Raynal, who died Sunday noon, were conducted at the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon by Dr. C. M. Richards, of Davidson, assisted by Dr. J. A. Scott, of Statesville College, and were attended by many friends and relatives. The service was very pathetic and impressive because of its simplicity. The States ministers and visiting ministers attended in a body and the officers of the church acted as honorary pall bearers. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The interment was in a grave in Oakwood cemetery beside that of the infant baby which preceded its mother three days. The death of Mrs. Raynal, following that of the little son, one of twin sons, the first born, is peculiarly sad and Mr. Raynal has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in his great sorrow.

Prizes for Southern Corn Growers

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, today presented diplomas of merit to 21 Southern boys who won prizes in corn raising contests. Julius Hill, of Alabama, raised 212 bushels on one acre at a cost of 8-1/2 cents a bushel. Ben Beeson, of Monticello, Miss., led in the amount of production per acre with 277 bushels. It cost him fourteen cents a bushel.

FREIGHT TRAIN RUNS AWAY FIVE MEN ARE KILLED.

By Associated Press. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 12.—A freight train ran away in the Carbondale yards of the Delaware and Hudson railroad this forenoon. Five men were killed. Five were hurt. Two will die. The railroad machine shops were destroyed. Five locomotives were destroyed and a thousand tons of freight were buried beneath debris.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mr. R. E. Doster and wife have sold to Mr. Charles Baber, of Cherokee county, an attractive lot at the intersection of the Lawyer's road and Crescent Circle for \$2,500.

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis Now Selling Christmas Trees to Public "at Cost"

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—Mayor Shank, who recently sold several carloads of potatoes and more than one thousand Thanksgiving turkeys to the public at cost, is now planning to import Christmas trees which he will sell at the lowest possible price. "I am told," said the mayor yesterday, "that it is possible to get Christmas trees in Michigan for practically nothing, and that about all they would cost us would be the labor for handling them and freight. If this is true we may bring in a few carloads and let every person have a Xmas tree at a reasonable price."

Searchers Directed By Chalk Marks on Walls Of The Mine

STATESVILLE NEWS.

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Rain tonight and Wednesday. Moderate easterly winds.

Judge Ward Has Not Resigned

Special to The News. Raleigh, Dec. 12.—Instead of the expected resignation as Judge of the first superior court district from Judge Geo. W. Ward, as newspaper specials from Elizabeth City foreshadowed last night, there came a letter from Judge Ward with merely a request to be relieved of holding special terms of court during the remainder of the winter recess season on account of poor health. Especially he asked to be relieved of the special term that the governor had directed that he hold one week in Perquimans county, beginning Jan. 1st. The governor directs Judge Ferguson to hold this court.

Col. H. Watterson To Speak Here

Great Editor Comes in The Interest of The Pending Arbitration Treaties With the U. S. Great Britain and France. A big mass meeting in the interest of the ratification of the pending arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France will be held in Charlotte, December 30th.

Col. Henry Watterson, the editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, one of the most notable and unique characters in modern journalism, will be the principal speaker of the occasion. "Marse Henry" is coming from Louisville on that day to pay a visit to Charlotte, which he has promised himself for the past 10 years. Since the death of Pulitzer there is probably no one left who occupies quite the place in the American newspaper field as that filled by Henry Watterson, and he will, no doubt, be greeted in Charlotte by a large audience. Mr. Watterson will make 12 speeches in favor of these peace pacts, and Charlotte is to be one of the favored points. He delivers his first address at Cooper Union, in New York last night when Andrew Carnegie spoke with him in favor of ratification.

There is a nation-wide movement in favor of the ratification of these treaties, and prominently identified with it are Judge Alton B. Parker, William Jennings Bryan, Dr. Eliot, of Harvard, Cardinal Gibbons, President Alva, and leaders of thought in every profession, and calling. The forces behind these treaties believe they constitute by far the most important step yet taken by civilized nations to make remote the possibility of war in the future.

Ghostly Chase With Death.

"A ghostly chase with death" is the description of an experience the rescue party in the Cross Mountain mine had last night and today, according to the statement of one of the members. Two miners, thought to be John Duff and John Smith, have been on the mine since 11 o'clock last night and at 9 o'clock this morning the rescue party had been unable to capture them, despite the fact they had been on their trail several hours. The men have been running frantically up and down the main channel, now and then entering cross entries that have not been entered with, and thus they escape the rescuers. The stillness of the dark recesses is only broken by the wild screams of the men who have apparently lost mental control of themselves and are wandering helplessly in the channel, unable to find their way to its exit. It is believed that perhaps these are the men who escaped from the party headed by William Henderson that have not been traced last night when the explosion occurred last Saturday.

President Bears All Expenses.

Upon the rescue of five living men from the ill-fated mine last night, T. I. Stephenson, president of the Knoxville Iron Company, which operates the mine, announced to the families of the rescued party that the men could be removed to any hospital in the United States for care during their convalescence and that the company was ready to bear all expenses. This announcement brought generous words of appreciation from the families. Mr. Stephenson spent the entire night at the mine. A telephone has been placed in the main channel back about two miles and the latest information as to the findings of the rescue party is being conveyed to him over this wire. (Continued on Page Nine.)