

TRAIN ROBBED BY PASSENGERS

Atlantic Coast Line Mail Car Riddled by Unidentified Men Near Hardeeville, S. C., This Morning.

HOLD-UP MEN ESCAPE; POSSE IN PURSUIT

Force Flagmen to Assist Them in Getting Loot—Miss Treasure—Filled Express Safe on Second Section.

Savannah, Dec. 12.—Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 80, from Florida to New York, was held up by robbers early this morning at Hardeeville, S. C.

The train left Savannah for New York at 12:45 o'clock this morning and was stopped by robbers near Hardeeville just before daybreak. Several sacks of registered mail were taken. The train was running in two sections and the express cars, at which it is believed the robbers aimed, were carried on the second section and escaped attack.

JOHNSON, WEIGHING 300, TO LEAVE RING FOREVER

Heavyweight Champion En Route to Chicago to Enter Business.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, weighs nearly 300 pounds and will never again enter the ring in a contest to retain the title, according to information received at his home here.

Johnson is on the ocean returning to Chicago with his wife, who is seriously ill. Before sailing from Liverpool yesterday, he announced that he was through with the arena and would enter business in Chicago.

LODGE FOR FREE CANAL FOR AMERICAN VESSELS

Introduces Bill for Treasury Payment of Tolls on U. S. Ships.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A bill providing for the free transit of American vessels through the Panama canal has been introduced by Senator Lodge. The measure would have charges against American ships paid out of the national treasury.

MAN KILLED WITH AXE; HIS SON IS ARRESTED

W. G. Dowdy Aged Resident of Wilmington, Is Accidentally Slain, Grandson Accused.

Special to The Gazette-News. Wilmington, Dec. 12.—W. G. Dowdy, an honorably and highly respected citizen, was waylaid and brutally murdered Sunday night about 7 o'clock. An axe was used by the murderer of the victim, possibly two axes, as one was found at the spot of the murder and another some distance away, both being stained with blood. Mr. Dowdy was on his way from his place of business on the edge of the city limits to his home in the downtown section and was accompanied by his little grandson. Mr. Dowdy died at the hospital half an hour after the assault.

Robbery was thought at first to have been the motive, but yesterday morning a young man named Charles F. Dowdy, 23 years old, a carpenter, son of the murdered man, and he was immediately taken to the police, though they appeared to be little if any thing to connect the man with the case. It is believed that the man was the one who was arrested.

GEORGE TAKES INDIAN CROWN

Accession of English Monarch to Eastern Throne Takes Place at Delhi Today.

Delhi, Dec. 12.—King George V. and his consort, Queen Mary, were proclaimed emperor and empress of India today. The English monarch's accession to the throne of his vast Indian dominions took place amid a scene which for richness of color and magnificence of decorations probably has never been surpassed. The huge amphitheater, erected in the Durbar camp, was thronged. The sparkling gems of many Indian princess and the smart uniforms of the soldiery contrasted strongly with the white dresses of European ladies and the sober garb of civilian officials.

DYNAMITING INQUIRY IS AGAIN UNDER WAY

Scope of Los Angeles Investigation Confined Chiefly to California.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—The federal grand jury today resumed its investigation into alleged conspiracies in connection with numerous dynamitings in various parts of the country in the past three years. The investigation's scope, it is said, will not extend east of Salt Lake City and will be confined largely to California. A hundred and thirty-three witnesses have been summoned.

"POISONED PEN" CHARGE FAILS ON TECHNICALITY

Miss Harriet DeWitt, Accused of Defaming Minister, Goes Free.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.—A technicality based on a federal rule of practice in force for more than 100 years brought to an abrupt end in the United States court here yesterday the "poisoned pen" case in which Miss Harriet DeWitt of Easton, Pa., was accused of writing anonymous obscene letters to an Easton clergyman, his wife and some of his neighbors.

TICKET SCANDAL UP

National Baseball Commission Considers World's Series Complaints—League Magnates Meet.

New York, Dec. 12.—The ticket scandal in the recent world's series was again the subject considered by the National Baseball commission today. Magnates of the American and National leagues held annual sessions this afternoon.

BARN BURNED

One Valuable Cow and a Quantity of Corn, Hay and Fodder Destroyed at 3 O'clock Sunday Morning.

"City Has Done Her Part," Message from Mr. Grove

Does Not Wish Citizens to Be Further Solicited for Subscriptions to Hotel Bonds—This Message Means Hotel Development on Sunset Mountain Will be Carried out as Planned.

The following telegram was received this afternoon by the committee, W. F. Randolph, Dr. C. V. Reynolds, E. L. Ray, J. G. Merrimon and H. W. Plummer, who have represented Asheville interests in the negotiations looking to disposal of \$100,000 of an issue of \$250,000 in bonds for the erection of a tourist hotel on the E. W. Grove property:

"Atlanta, Dec. 12, 1911. 'My object in submitting the bond proposition was to ascertain how much faith the people of Asheville had in the operation of a first-class tourist hotel there. The amount subscribed by the American National and the Citizens banks and the individual subscriptions made by the business men and citizens of Asheville are sufficient to convince me that the people have full faith in the future of their city. I think Asheville has done her part, therefore I do not wish the citizens to be further solicited for subscriptions. 'We have been assured of the co-operation of two large outside corporate interests in this matter; plans will mature and ground will be broken for the hotel development according to the proposition agreed upon in St. Louis. 'I wish to thank the people who have the city's good at heart for the substantial interest they have shown in an enterprise that I believe will result in great good to Asheville. 'I wish to thank The Gazette-News and Daily Citizen for their favorable attitude toward this whole matter. 'Very truly yours, E. W. GROVE.'"

SHOW GIRL TELLS OF THE SHOOTING

Lillian Graham, on the Stand, Identifies Pint Whiskey Bottle.

New York, Dec. 12.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad on trial for shooting W. E. D. Stokes, sat side by side when court resumed today. When the case was called, the Graham girl raised her veil and took the stand. Prosecutor Buckner, continuing the cross examination, asked about the visit the girls made May 21, eight days before the shooting, to a department store, where they bought a revolver with which they shot Stokes.

CHICAGO GETS G.O.P. MEETING

June 18 the Date for the National Convention—Committee Recesses Until December 26.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The republican national committee, in quadrennial session, today ratified the program arranged in advance for its deliberations. The national convention to nominate candidates for president and vice president will be held in Chicago, beginning Tuesday, June 18. The vote for Chicago was overwhelming, the ballots showing Chicago 43, Denver 7, St. Louis 1, absent 3. St. Louis formally withdrew from the contest.

RYAN-CAVANAUGH TEAM OUT OF SIX DAYS' RACE

New York, Dec. 12.—One of the 15 teams in the six days' bicycle race gave up the grueling fight this morning. The Ryan-Cavanaugh combination was declared physically unfit to continue. The early morning hours witnessed a series of desperate dashes, but none yielded any change to the comparative score of the teams.

WINSTON'S IRON NERVE

Gazette-News Bureau, Raleigh, Dec. 12. That R. W. Winston, Jr., captain of the University of North Carolina football team was not only ill with appendicitis before the game and knew it, but that his appendix broke in the game at Richmond with Virginia. Thanksgiving day is the statement by attending physicians at the hospital here. He is recovering nicely from the operation.

Foes of the Liquor Traffic In Session at Washington

Washington, Dec. 12.—Seven hundred delegates and delegates representing the anti-liquor league of various states in the nation are here at the Hotel Raleigh.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR ABROGATION

Congress Will Be Urged Quickly to Annul Russian Pact.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The house foreign affairs committee unanimously agreed today upon the Sulzer resolution, directing the immediate abrogation of the 1932 treaty between the United States and Russia because of discrimination by Russia against American citizens of America in recognition of passports.

LEAPS FROM HIGH BEAM TO DEATH IN THRONG

Suicide's Body Mangled When It Strikes Amid Chicago Crowd.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—An unidentified man, who it is believed, was mentally unbalanced, mounted to the ninth-story floor of the Masonic building today, disrobed, crawled upon a beam and dropped to the rotunda. The mangled body was unrecognizable. The rotunda was crowded when the man jumped and much confusion ensued.

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Bodies of Dead Buried in Flaming Wreckage at Scranton, Pa.

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MARKS GUIDE RESCUE SQUAD

BUSINESS MEN ARE AROUSED

Renewed Determination to Cooperate with Mr. Grove in Hotel Projects Expressed on All Sides.

There has never been much doubt that the people of Asheville are vitally interested in the building of the Grove hotel on the side of Sunset mountain, but surely there has never been as much enthusiasm manifested by the leading business men as has been in evidence this morning. On every side expressions were heard of determination not to let the project fall for want of the little assistance, or rather evidence of interest, that Mr. Grove asks of the people of the city.

It was as though the announcement of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company yesterday afternoon, that this institution would not take up the quota of the bonds that had been tentatively assigned to it, acted as a signal for the business men as a whole to go to work to carry out the plan, and now there is little doubt that Mr. Grove will be assured of the co-operation of the Asheville business men to a greater extent than he had anticipated.

Representatives of two of the banks, the two that have already subscribed to the bonds, have made statements to the effect that the proposition will be carried out. Both of them were confident of it and one expressed himself in such a way as to leave the impression that he would spare no effort in this direction. Mr. Grove's message to the committee, however, shows that he is satisfied with what has been done.

World Mortgage His Home. Indignative of the interest that is felt by the business men outside of the banks is the statement of a representative of one of the banks that he had asked only two men to subscribe to the bonds this morning and each had promised to take \$1000 of them; one of the men saying that he would mortgage his home if he could get the money no other way.

One of the leading business men of the city stated today that in his opinion this is the best and most liberal proposition that has ever been submitted to them. He said that the people could not begin to realize what it means to Asheville, from the advertising standpoint alone.

Others referred to the proposition as a sound investment, declaring that it would be strange if the required amount is not quickly subscribed.

WARD QUITTING BENCH BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

No Application Yet for Superior Court Position He Leaves.

Gazette-News Bureau, Raleigh, Dec. 12. The first intimation that Judge George Ward of the superior court was to resign was contained in the newspapers this morning and Governor Kitchin was as much surprised as anybody. No application has yet made for the position, although the Elizabeth City bar has endorsed W. C. Rodman of Washington.

The governor today received a letter from Judge Ward asking that another judge be assigned to hold a special term of civil court in Fergulman county, January 1. Judge Ferguson was named.

Judge Ward's action was prompted by continued ill health following several attacks of vertigo this year. During his seven years of service Judge Ward has won much distinction by his impartial and able decisions and fearless stands on public questions of interest and importance. His host of friends throughout the state will learn of his resignation with deepest regret.

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Chalked Directions on Briceville Mine Walls Indicate Some of the Trapped Men May Yet Live.

30 BODIES REMOVED FROM WRECKED SHAFT

Corpse-Strewn Chamber Far Back in the Working Found This Morning—Five Found Alive.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—Spurred by last night's discovery of three survivors of Saturday's dust blast in the Cross mountain coal mine, fresh rescue squads went into the cross-entries this morning, digging with redoubled energy.

Their only reward was the finding of a corpse strewn chamber, far back in the mine. Six bodies were recovered. Two were identified. One was that of Joseph McQueen a widower; the other was that of Tate Vallalee, who is survived by a widow and four children.

The rescue party penetrated into cross entry No. 23. No miners were found there, but additional directions for their rescue were scored in chalk on the walls. They evidently were compelled to change their vantage points on account of altering air conditions. The rescue squad pressed on in the direction indicated by chalk marks.

At 11 o'clock 30 bodies had been removed. Five men were brought out of Cross Mountain mine alive last night.

Two who were rescued are Arthur Scott, aged 30, who has a wife and two children and Dore, aged 30, who is also married. Irish is badly burned about the face and hands, but practically unharmed.

All the men rescued were working in the second room on the left hand side of entry 19. H. A. Irish, aged 60, who was bossing the gang, was killed instantly by the explosion and his body was found last night, badly burned. His son Theodore, was the only other one of the gang's members accounted for who was injured.

Comes Out Smoking a Pipe. Two members strayed away and have not been located. "Bill" Henderson, the oldest of the rescued men came out of the mines smoking his pipe and resisted when efforts were made to carry him home on a stretcher.

"Oh, let me walk," he protested, but without avail. Henderson made the following statement of his experience in the mines: "Under my direction, we bratticed up the entire entrance to the mine floor. With our coats we fought back the after-damp that came through the cracks in the brattice and then stuck our coats and other articles of wearing apparel in the hole of the brattice. We had lights, our dinner and each of us had from a half to three-quarters of a gallon of coffee and water in our dinner pails. We remained in this room quietly for several hours, burning one light and taking turns at eating. Late Sunday evening Arthur Scott and Dore Irish left the room and attempted to make their way back and reach the entrance of the mine through the over-pass. This was the last we saw of them.

"The next morning we made our way, the air having been purified by the fan, into the entry and passed over into No. 18, endeavoring to find the way out. We were forced to go back to room 2 in No. 19, where the air was pure. We remained there until discovered. We ate the last of our food about the middle of Sunday afternoon, but still had some water left and plenty of light.

"We were endeavoring to reach the main entrance again when we were discovered by the mine rescue men about 8:15 o'clock last night.

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When the appeal was filed the prosecution filed counter charges in the case and these have to be passed upon by Judge Webb. In order to have these points settled Solicitor E. E. Barnhill, Locke Craig and H. R. Williams went to Shelby county to see Judge Webb. Webb is taking court in Shelby with the case there. They returned to the county jail.

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