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## IRON MOUNTAIN TRAIN IS ROBBED

### Six Men Terrorize the Crew and Passengers for Two Hours THEY SECURE OVER \$20,000

Masked Men Command Engineer to Stop at Chocoma Spot—Express Men Defend Off and Hold Luggage to Work Over Theft—Automobiles Take Out Money.

Chocoma, Miss., March 24.—For two hours last night six masked men held 34 Lous, Iron Mountain train No. 304 at a standstill about six miles south of this city while they blew open a safe in the express car and emptied in the automobiles, carrying with them money and valuables which it is believed will amount to \$20,000.

The train left Little Rock at 8:30 a. m. yesterday bound for Kansas City. It was made up of a combination baggage and express car, a day coach, a chair, a sleeping car, a dining car and observation and smoking car. Just after the train left Lenoir, about 10:30 p. m., Engineer Lynch heard a cry, "hands up!"

A masked man sitting on the tender, pointing a revolver at him said, "I'm going to ride a little while with you. Drive on."

About four miles east of Lenoir the man made the engineer stop the train near a clump of trees. Five more masked men came up and taking positions on either side of the train began shooting in the air along the sides of the train. Then while two of the men stood guard to prevent passengers from coming out the other four marched the engineer and fireman to the day coach and locked them in.

One man then took a position to guard the rear of the train and three went into the express car, forced the two express men to jump out and stand where one of the side guards could keep them covered with a revolver.

After nearly an hour's work the men had succeeded in inserting a charge of nitro-glycerin into the "through" safe in the express car. They blew the safe to pieces and scattered its contents over the floor of the car.

They made no haste. They had chosen a strategic position in which to stop the train. They were at least three miles from any human habitation.

After the three men had spent nearly an hour over the packages taken from the safe, the lights of two automobiles were seen drawing near from the direction of the Oklahoma line. As they came within about 200 yards of the train on the country road the automobiles were stopped. The lights were put out and the men and automobiles disappeared.

When the train reached this city the sheriff was notified and with two deputies started on horseback southward in pursuit of the six bandits.

School Commencement  
The closing exercises of the public school at Hunters Bridge took place last night. Messrs. W. L. Vaughan and Joseph F. Taylor attended from Washington and made addresses. The occasion was much enjoyed by all present. The present session has been most gratifying in every respect.

## MR. CLEVELAND NOT ENGAGED HIS DECEASED

Men Mentioned Prof. West, of Princeton, Has Wife and Children—New York, March 23.—A. S. Hastings, executor of the estate of the late Grover Cleveland, and in charge of Mrs. Cleveland's personal affairs, issued the following statement tonight:

"The paragraph appearing this afternoon in one of the weekly society publications suggesting that there is an engagement of Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Prof. West, of Princeton, is not only without the slightest foundation but is fully refuted by the fact that Dean West already has a wife living and their son now is a student in Princeton University."

The publisher of the society paper in question called up the Associated Press tonight and said that he regretted exceedingly that an error of this kind had been made. He wished to announce immediately that a serious mistake had been made.

Alarm of Fire  
Yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was turned in to the station house. It proved to be broom straw on the vacant lot to the rear of Mrs. Alex. Huddell's residence on West Second street. It was extinguished without any damage to adjacent property.

The surprise is that the straw caught from the A. C. L. passing.

Made Additions.  
The Washington Coca-Cola Bottling plant under the management of P. E. Mayo Co. has added to its line fancy cakes and candies. This firm while a new one in Washington are experienced men and their bottling department has a capacity of 400 cases per day.

The water before being used is altered through two different machines, and the entire plant is kept in a clean condition.

Boatmen in Port.  
The schooner Manko, Captain William E. Pedrick in command, arrived in the city last evening. She will load with fertilizers for the firm of W. F. Winstead and Bro., of Winsteadville.

## MR. PETERSON PASSES AWAY

Mr. Ben Peterson who was so severely burned at Whichards about three weeks ago succumbed to his injuries last night about seven o'clock. For a time, it was thought that he might possibly recover. However, blood poison set in, and then the end was only a matter of time. Death came as a relief to the intense suffering.

Mr. Peterson was one of Washington's well known citizens, having lived here for a number of years. He is a brother of the late Mr. Ed Peterson of the firm of E. Peterson & Co.

The funeral took place from the residence of Respass street this afternoon at three o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Sullivan and Rev. E. V. Hope. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The pallbearers were, Messrs. W. E. Swindell, R. E. Cowell, D. M. Lewis, Jas. B. Russ, W. C. Miller, T. J. Harding.

The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the entire community.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Irene Peterson, and daughter, Miss Lucie Peterson, and one sister, Mrs. George N. Kern of West Philadelphia.

## MANY SPLENDID PAPERS ARE READ

### Looking Into Him Is Watchward Adopted by Union

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Many Splendid Papers Were Read at the Sessions Yesterday—One Day Devoted to Pleading—The Woman's Union of the Baptists of the State Has Been a Great Gainer.

Wilmington, March 23.—The second day of the convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist churches of the state opened under somewhat unfavorable circumstances as to the weather, but in spite of this practically all of the delegates were in attendance at the opening session. This has been a busy day with the delegates, but the work tomorrow will not be quite so strenuous as the afternoon will be devoted to pleasure, the visitors to be entertained at Wrightsville Beach.

The morning session today was opened with a prayer service, led by Miss Heck, the presiding officer.

At the close of this devotional meeting recommendations of the central committee were adopted by a unanimous vote, these recommendations pertaining to the work during the coming year. The watchword will be "Looking Into Him," and the union will put forth efforts to raise the sum of \$25,000 during the coming year.

The most interesting question of the morning session was that of titling, which was introduced by an exceedingly strong paper by Mrs. C. P. Mason of Charlotte. The presentation of this paper was proceeded and followed by earnest prayer. A motion was carried that the paper be published in the Biblical Recorder.

Miss Howling of Rougemont read a very interesting paper on "How to Have a Successful Band in the Country."

Mrs. J. P. Hart, of Hickory made a talk on the importance of variety in the meetings. Mrs. Beasley of Monroe presented a very fine paper on "Personal Service for the Boys."

The afternoon session was given over to the Y. W. C. A. conference.

For West End Reel.  
Mr. M. M. Jones, contractor, is now erecting a building on the property of Mr. E. N. Leggett at the corner of Peabody and Third streets for the West End Reel Team. The building will be used for the purpose of storing the reel apparatus of this organization. The city is having the work done.

## THE TARDY QUESTION

It seems practically impossible to get all of our pupils to believe they ought to come to school every day in time, and some of our patrons have the idea that it is all right if their children get here, even though they are late. Within the last six or eight weeks we have had quite a number of tardies; one day there were ten, today, March 24th, a beautiful bright day, there were five, none of whom had very reasonable excuses.

I have written personal notes to the parents of most of these, only two or three of whom have taken any notice of the requests made. The following is very encouraging:

"March 14, 1911.  
"Dear Mr. Newbold: I was sorry to hear that \_\_\_\_\_ was late yesterday and will try and not let it happen again. I know that you need all the help and support you can get to carry on your work successfully, and I will do my best to have \_\_\_\_\_ on time hereafter. I am  
Yours truly,  
(Signed)  
Another lady phoned me and stated most satisfactory conditions that caused her child in the first grade to be tardy only once during the school year.

May we not insist that the parents of the children give heed to the simple request that they have their children come to school on time. Besides making a very bad record at school, it is teaching the child to form most unsatisfactory habits.

N. C. NEWBOLD,  
Superintendent.

## THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness followed by rain late tonight. Sunday warmer. Brisk East winds.

## AN IMPROVEMENT

The firm of Bowers-Lewis Company Making Improvements to their Store.

The firm of Bowers-Lewis Company are now engaged in making decided improvements to the interior of their large store.

A balcony is being erected in the rear and it is the intention of the firm to handle their ladies' dress and department there. When completed it will add much to the attractiveness of this well knownemporium.

## 5000 REWARD FOR GIBBS' MURDERER

Sheriff Reid and Father of Mrs. Gibbs Make Offer—Sum to be Augmented.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 23.—Sheriff Charles Reid and Mr. John Mercer, father of Mrs. E. F. Gibbs, have announced that they will give a reward of one hundred and fifty dollars for information that will cause the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Captain E. F. Gibbs. A number of other prominent citizens have signified their intention of making an addition to this amount by contributing privately. Sheriff Reid has written to Gov. E. B. Ketchum asking him to offer a reward.

It is very likely that this reward will be greatly increased during the next few days as the people are anxious to have the guilty parties apprehended and punished, if there is any possible chance to do so.

Captain Gibbs was murdered more than a month ago and so far not one single clue has developed and the officers are absolutely helpless in attempting to proceed further with the case, so they have resorted to offering a reward in the hope of obtaining something that will enable them to work further on the case.

The people are greatly wrought up over the mystery of this murder and a large sum of money can be raised if there is any chance of finding the one who did the murder.

The officers of the law and those best posted in the case still maintain that it is a case of murder and that the person who did it did not have murder in mind when they met Captain Gibbs on this fatal morning.

The friends of Captain Gibbs still hope that the guilty parties may yet be apprehended and punished, but the prospects for such a thing are exceedingly doubtful unless something comes to hand more indicative of the way of evidence that has appeared yet.

## PRESIDENT DIAZ HEADS SOLDIERS

### Said That President of Mexico May Take Field in Person

Washington, March 24.—In a final effort to crush out the rebellion Diaz may head the army—Terms of the Maderists Not to be Granted.—The insurrection must be crushed.

Washington, March 24.—In a final effort to crush out the rebellion and prevent the necessity of American intervention in Mexico, President Diaz may take the field in person at the head of the federal army within 30 days if his health permits. This report was received in Washington today from Mexico and added a strong indication to the belief which has been growing that the United States is giving Mexico time to place her domestic affairs upon a more solid footing.

This also indicates that Diaz is determined that the terms demanded by Maderists shall not be granted, at least in his regime. Accompanying this intelligence is a statement from the Mexican president that the revolt will be effectually crushed out "in a short time."

With Diaz in the field the duties of the national executive at the Mexican capital would logically evolve upon the shoulders of vice President Corral, although under the exigencies of the situation they would probably be assumed by Minister Limantour.

Although President Diaz in his former days his dominant spirit still glows as strong as ever and he confidently believes that the moral effect of his presence in the field would be as great as the presence of an army.

Every resource at the command of the Mexican republic is being called into play to put down the insurrection.

With constant demands of foreign capitalists groups becoming more and more insistent; with the government expending the revenues which had been negotiated for public improvements and with the credit of the nation suffering from inability, President Diaz is confronted with the real crisis of the republic.

It is confidently learned that Vice President Corral, of Mexico, will sail for Europe about April 12, "for his health."

The state department is daily soliciting reports from American representatives along the Rio Grande and in the northern Mexican states to learn the authenticity and details of alleged outrages perpetrated upon Americans and American interests.

## THE WAR DOGS ARE SNAPPING

In a Final Effort to Crush out the Rebellion Diaz May Head the Army—Terms of the Maderists Not to be Granted.—The insurrection must be crushed.

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  - 50c Maraschino Cherries 43c
  - 75c Jar Preserves 59c

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  - 3lb Can Refugee Stringless Beans 10c
  - 30c lb Coffee 25c
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  - 20c Cake Bakers Chocolate 17c
  - 25c Can Bakers Cocoa 19c
  - Kinghans Very Best Lard 12c

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