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## BOLD HOLD-UP ON SOUTHERN ROAD

Georgia Bandits Work in the True Western Style.

OBTAINED ABOUT \$14,000.

Repeated Attempts Were Made to Dynamite the Large Safe in the Express Car, in Which was \$60,000.

Disappearing as completely as if the earth had swallowed them up, not a trace has been discovered of five bandits who, in real wild west style, held up the Southern railway's fast mail, No. 36, near White Sulphur Springs, Ga., Saturday morning at 2:15, dynamited and robbed the express car of \$14,000 in cash. More than \$60,000 in currency and gold remained in another safe in the express car unmolested.

While clipping off the miles at a pretty fair rate of speed Engineer Fant had just settled in his seat to make up several minutes' lost time when he suddenly saw a red signal ahead. He slowed down the train, and upon approaching the signal, noted that a man was swinging a lantern. Supposing that some track obstruction had been discovered, he brought his train to a dead stop. Mounting the cab without ceremony, and quietly, two masked men "covered" Engineer Fant and Fireman Rufus Johnson. Engineer Fant was marched back to the express car, and was ordered to carry a shovel. The fireman was told to run. He ran. Expressman Ordered to Quit Post.

Three other members of the gang came on the scene, and patrolled the train while the two men who had the engineer "covered" opened the door to the express compartment of the baggage car, ordering Expressman Miller to hold up his hands. Miller obeyed after the bandits gave him to understand they meant business.

Conductor Mooney thought the whole affair was a practical joke, and handled one of the robbers roughly. He was soon convinced, however, by the persuasive presence of a dangerous looking gun that he was face to face with the real thing.

After working for ten minutes, and after making three unsuccessful attempts to dynamite the larger safe in the car, the men turned their attention to the smaller safe. They quickly effected entrance to its contents, and secured about \$700 in currency, gold and silver. Probably alarmed by the explosions set off in the effort to break the larger safe, the bandits allowed the train crew to take their places on the train, and they disappeared in the woods.

A reward of \$100 each has been offered by Governor Brown for their capture.

**Bandits Secured \$14,000.**  
Information received later is to the effect that one of the packages taken from the express car safe contained \$14,000.

In addition to this, a quantity of foreign money, the amount of which is not stated, also is missing.

Several foreign silver pieces were found on the ground shortly after the robbery, and these are believed to have been in the missing package.

## RELATIONS STRAINED.

Trouble Seems to Be Brewing Between Russia and China.

The relations of Russia and China are strained to the breaking point.

Russia has notified the governments of Great Britain, France and Germany of her intention to make a military demonstration on the Russo-Chinese frontier owing to China's persistent violation of the St. Petersburg treaty of 1881.

Russian troops will be sent forth with to the district of Ili.

The extent of the demonstration, it is added in the diplomatic note, will depend entirely upon the attitude assumed by China.

The vital questions involved are free trade in Mongolia, the extra territorial rights of Russians in China, and the establishment of a Russian consulate at Keobdo, Mondolia.

## EXTRA SESSION CERTAIN.

If Senate Fails to Act on Reciprocity Measure.

The first authoritative announcement that President Taft will call an extra session of congress if the senate fails to act upon the McCall bill, putting into effect the Canadian reciprocity agreement, came from Mr. McCall himself, following an interview with the President at the white house.

According to McCall's announcement the president feels that he is under an international obligation to summon an extra session if it be necessary to get action on the reciprocity agreement. That session would be called immediately following the adjournment of congress at noon March 4.

## JAMES LOWTHER.

Speaker of House of Commons, Who Would End House of Lords.



## FIGHT TO A FINISH.

Administration and Publishers War Over Postage Rates.

Lines, it is said, are being closely drawn for a fight to a finish between the administration at Washington and American publishers over the plan to increase the postage rates on advertising sections of magazines.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is taking an active part in urging the plan by demonstrating to senators and representatives that the attitude of the postal department is just. President Taft is seconding the efforts of his postmaster general. According to Hitchcock, the publishers are using unfair methods in urging publishers of small periodicals to fight the proposed increase, because it would be harmful to them. He asserts that as a matter of fact it would be of great benefit to many fraternal publications and others of that class which are unable to print advertisements.

## TOBACCO MEN SHOT.

Growers Are Ambushed and Wounded by Negroes.

Three tobacco men, on their way to Danville, Ky., were held up by negro bandits, who seriously wounded each of the travelers and obtained about \$100 in cash. The negroes escaped, but later two of the number were captured and placed in jail at Stanford. The victims of the hold-up were D. O. Ballard, Clarence Deatherage and E. B. Hatfield. As they drove along a country road not far from Stanford, they were passed by a party of negroes, who hid themselves in a clump of trees by the roadside.

When the tobacco men came abreast of the ambushade they were targets for a hail of bullets from the robbers' revolvers. Deatherage was hit by five bullets, both of Hatfield's jaws were broken, and Ballard's skull was crushed.

City and county officers and a posse took the bandits' trail and arrested two negroes in Danville. One of the prisoners admits he shot Deatherage.

## \$100,000,000 COMBINE.

Company Formed to Control Output of Automobiles.

The Christian Science Monitor publishes a report to the effect that a \$100,000,000 automobile combine is in process of formation. The article says:

"According to trustworthy information received from Wall street sources in New York, Boston is the center of interest in a \$100,000,000 automobile trust that is being formed.

"Representatives of the J. P. Morgan and Rothschild interests and capital of some men who were connected with the Licensed Automobile Dealers' Association, together with \$9,000,000 belonging to Walter Flanders, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, are reported to be behind the deal.

"It is said to be the plan of this combination to purchase all shops in the United States that manufacture the machinery that makes parts for automobiles, buying these large factories outright with patent rights. "The negotiations pending in Boston are for the purchase of one of the largest machine shops in Providence that makes machines that turn out parts for automobiles."

Mrs. Caroline M. Hypes, 98 years of age, who was one of two surviving real daughters of the American revolution, died at Greencastle, Ind. Mrs. Hypes was born in Baltimore, Md.

At least six persons were drowned off the coast south of San Pedro in an attempt to smuggle a party of Chinese ashore, according to a report at the Angel Island immigration station, at San Francisco.

## NORTH POLE FINDER GIVEN HARD RAP

Arkansas Congressman Attacks Capt. Peary.

DESIGNATED A "FAKER."

In Debate on Naval Appropriation Bill, Macon, of Arkansas, Says Peary Should Be Driven From Naval Service—Reply From Peary's Friends.

Representative Macon, of Arkansas, speaking in general debate on the naval appropriation bill in the house, made a sensational attack upon Captain Robert E. Peary, denouncing him as a "faker" and declaring that "he should be driven from the naval service."

The bitter words used by the member from Arkansas called out a quick reply from Peary's friends. Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, after vainly attempting to interrupt Mr. Macon, finally got the floor in his own right. He characterized Mr. Macon's speech as "unjust, outrageous and offensive." He said there was always some one to be found to suspect every performance by men of genius and courage. He referred to Captain Hobson's exploit of the Merrimac and to Dewey's victory at Manila bay.

"Heroes like these," said Mr. Moore, "have not the time to stop and deal with every dog that barks at their heels."

Mr. Macon declared that Peary's whole story was a "fake pure and simple." He said his contempt for "fake heroes" was supreme, and he intimated that he put "the hero of San Juan Hill" in that class. Mr. Macon denounced the Peary Arctic Club and charged that it had maintained a paid lobby in Washington. He said that President Taft's judgment in this matter was not to be accepted, for he had congratulated Cook as heartily as he did Peary.

## RAISING THE MAINE.

Anniversary of Battleship's Sinking is Observed.

Thirteen years ago Thursday the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor, and in memory of the men who died, appropriate exercises were held at Washington by military, patriotic and religious bodies. This year's anniversary of the terrible disaster added interest from the fact that the work of raising the sunken hull of the wrecked vessel is now nearing completion.

Engineers of the United States army are in charge of the project for raising the Maine. A steel caisson was driven into the hard clay bottom of Havana harbor, which is about sixty-five feet below mean tide. Walls of a cofferdam were then built along either side of the hull from this caisson until they met at the other end of the vessel.

This wall was filled with clay from a bar near the wreck to give sufficient stability to prevent it from being overturned when the water is pumped out. The piling of the walls was driven through ten to eighteen feet of mud and about thirteen feet of the softer clay. The steel sheet piling was driven until the steam hammer made no impression, resulting, it is believed, in making the dam practically watertight.

When the wreck has been exposed all bodies will be taken out, and the third of the ship which is a twisted mass of wreckage will be carefully examined by experts to discover, if possible, the cause of the explosion which sent the Maine to the bottom. The remainder of the ship will be bulkheaded so that it will float, and when the cofferdam is again flooded the Maine will be on the surface, ready for Congress to decide what shall be done with her.

The human remains found will probably be brought here and buried beside the bodies already recovered in Arlington Cemetery.

## \$500,000 LABOR FIGHT.

American Federation of Labor Will Wage War on Enemies.

A Washington, D. C. dispatch says: To support labor unionism in a life and death fight, which may affect the whole labor situation in America, the American Federation of Labor is raising a fund of \$500,000 to be sent to Los Angeles to finance the warfare with the Merchants and Manufacturers' association of that city, it was announced at the federation headquarters at Washington.

A collision off the Essex coast resulted in the sinking of the steamer Mount Park, Cadiz for Yarmouth. Thirteen of the crew are reported drowned.

## TO SPEAK TO NEGROES.

Taft and Roosevelt Will Address Them in Atlanta Soon.

Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft will be visitors to Atlanta next month, and will address the colored people of Atlanta at the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, colored, at the corner of Central avenue and Hunter street.

Rev. J. A. Rush, pastor of the church, received a letter from Mr. Roosevelt accepting the invitation to speak there, and March 9 has been set as a tentative date, though the hour has not been set.

President Taft accepted the invitation of this church a week or so ago and will deliver an address there on March 10 in the afternoon.

## YOUTH SLAYS SELF.

John Williams Shoots Himself Through Head in Macon, Ga., Hotel.

John Williams, a young white man, hardly 30 years of age, went to the Exchange hotel and shot himself in the head with a revolver.

Death was instantaneous.

Indications are that he came to the place with intention of ending his life.

Coroner Young took the case in charge to make an investigation.

The dead man had followed shows about the country for recent employment.

## BIG EXPOSITION IS PROPOSED IN 1915

To Mark 50th. Anniversary Ending Civil War.

TO BE HELD AT LOUISVILLE.

It Will Be Known as the Lincoln-Davis Exposition—Probable That Corporation of the Federal Government Will Be Asked in the Venture.

A national exhibition is proposed for Louisville in 1915. It will be known as the Lincoln-Davis exposition, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the civil war. Directors of the Louisville Convention league, in an announcement, call attention to the fact that both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, heads of the two governments opposed to each other from 1861 to 1865, were natives of Kentucky, and the claim that Louisville is the proper place for such exhibition. It is probable that co-operation of the federal government will be asked.

"Now that it has been definitely determined to hold the Panama exposition in San Francisco," says the announcement, "all the vast expanse of country east of the Rocky mountains is left 'expositionless.'" It then argues that the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the four years of strife between the states should be fittingly observed; that no more suitable method than a world's fair can be found, and that Kentucky, as the birthplace of both President Abraham Lincoln, of the United States, and President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederate states, is the proper place to hold such a celebration. One of the features proposed is a grand reunion in which survivors of both the Federal and Confederate armies shall participate.

That federal aid will be sought by the Louisville promoters is indicated by a comparison which they make between the amounts of money turned into the national treasury by Kentucky and California.

## AVIATORS ARRESTED.

Ministers at Tampa Wage War on Sunday Exhibitions.

At the completion of the aviation exhibition at Tampa Sunday, J. A. D. McCurdy and Clem Beachy, aviators, and Colonel T. J. L. Brown, chairman of the census celebration committee; General J. U. Strode, of the West Tampa race track, and Phil Collins, treasurer for the racing association, were arrested on a charge of violating the state laws relative to the giving of exhibitions on Sunday to which an admission is charged. Bonds were immediately furnished.

The arrest of the aviators and officials of the race track was the result of a concerted effort on the part of the ministers of the city. Sermons were preached denouncing the giving of such an exhibition on Sunday, and the consequent running of excursions into the city. No move was made by the officials until the entire program had been completed.

The flights were witnessed by the largest crowd that has ever assembled in Tampa on any occasion.

## County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.  
Clerk Superior Court—Ccs. Paxton.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred. A. Shuford.

Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.  
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.  
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.  
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.  
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.  
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.  
Attorney—R. L. Gash.

## Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.  
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.  
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.  
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.  
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.  
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.  
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

Transylvania Division.

In effect January 2, 1911.

N. B.—Schedules figures given as information only, and not guaranteed.

No. & Daily	Eastern Standard Time	No. & Daily
STATIONS		
P. M.		A. M.
3:40	Lv. Asheville.....AT	11:30
3:45	Lv. Hendersonville. AR	10:25
4:45	West Hendersonville. AR	10:10
5:00	Yale.....LV	10:10
5:05	Horse Shoe.....LV	10:05
5:08	Cannon.....LV	10:02
5:13	Roswell.....LV	9:56
5:20	Blounts.....LV	9:49
5:26	Peirce.....LV	9:42
5:31	Davidson River.....LV	9:33
5:36	Fishback Fork.....LV	9:30
5:43	Brevard.....LV	9:24
5:53	Selma.....LV	9:08
6:02	Cherryfield.....LV	9:01
6:04	Calvert.....LV	8:58
6:05	Roswell.....LV	8:54
6:12	Galloways.....LV	8:50
6:21	Quebec.....LV	8:43
6:30	Reid's.....LV	8:34
6:40	At. Lake Toxaway.....LV	8:25

Nos. 5 and 6 are through trains between Asheville and Lake Toxaway.

No. 5 connects at Hendersonville with the Carolina Special for Spartanburg, Columbia and Charleston, and at Spartanburg with Nos. 11 and 12 for Atlanta and Charlotte.

For tickets and full information apply to E. W. CARTER, Ag't, J. H. WOOD, Dist. Pass. Ag't, Asheville, N. C.

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NOTICE—Change in Hour of Meeting.

By a vote of Dunns Rock Lodge at last regular communication the hour of meeting was changed and the following will be the hours until further notice: Jan. 13, 1911, meeting at 2 p. m. Hereafter the meetings will alternate—February, meeting at 8 p. m., March, at 2 p. m., etc.

All members are urged to attend these meetings. Visiting Masons cordially invited. Jan. 9, 1911.

WELCH GALLOWAY, Sec'y.

## The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1911 Almanac

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac for 1911, that guardian Angel in a hundred thousand homes, is now ready. Not many are now willing to be without it and the Rev. Irl R. Hicks Magazine, Word and Works. The two are only One Dollar a year. The Almanac is 35c prepaid. No home or office should fail to send for them to Word and Works Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo.