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Seven Bold Bandits Hold Up Train No. 36 And Loot Small Safe in Express Car

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Real Wild Western Train Robbery Enacted Near White Sulphur Ga. During Early Morning Hours—Bloodhounds on Trail.

Train Crew Held at Bay—Night Agent Gagged—Interview With Conductor Mooney And Others on Train.

At 7:30 a. m. on Feb. 17, a real wild western train robbery was enacted near White Sulphur, Ga. The train, No. 36 of the Southern Railway, was en route from New Orleans to New York. It was held up by seven bold bandits who looted a small safe in the express car containing \$60,000. The robbers were unable to get into a big vault containing \$60,000. The train crew was held at bay, and the night agent was gagged. An interview was had with the conductor, Mr. Mooney, and others on the train.

cause two pistol shots rang out distinctly just following the explosion, and at the same time the news burst made the announcement that robbers were at work. One passenger in the Pullman car ventured to stick his head out the window when the explosion occurred and was fired at, the bullet whizzing close by his head. The baggage master, so we learned a few minutes later, was also fired at when he looked out to see the cause of the trouble. "We saw two men standing beside the track just after the explosion, one of them holding a sack. They were close up to the track and plainly visible. If I had had a pistol and hadn't been too badly frightened, I could have shot them."

The robbers were unsuccessful in an attempt to blow a large safe which contained \$60,000 being sent from New Orleans to New York. They turned to a smaller strong box which had only the \$700. Charlotte People on Train. Mrs. Joe Johnston, of Columbus, Miss., and her sister, Mrs. R. L. Query of Wellford, S. C., were passengers on board No. 36 when that train came into Charlotte this morning. Mr. Johnston was a passenger on the train when the hold-up occurred. Mrs. Query joined her at Wellford and both came on to Charlotte, where they will visit their father, Mr. A. M. Hastings of 421 Elizabeth avenue.

Mrs. Johnston occupied a berth in the Pullman and was a witness to a part of the robbery. She stated that she was not frightened and that she was none the worse for the experience. "I had no weapon about me," she said this morning, "except a very formidable hat pin. If I could have gotten to the robbers I would have used it on them. I'm sure if every woman about had been armed with hat pins and had had a fair chance at the bandits they would have died before committing the robbery."

Mrs. Johnston was apparently not the least excited over the unusual episode and gave a very interesting and intelligible account of it. By Associated Press. Tanawaka, Pa., Feb. 18.—A train wreck in which one man was killed occurred early today near Lofly Station on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. According to railroad officials an investigation showed that some one had placed an obstruction in a switch, causing the locomotive of a local passenger train to jump the track on an embankment. The engine ran along the ties for a short distance then toppled over and plunged down the incline. Samuel Giltner, engineer, fifty years old, was caught under the locomotive and crushed to death. His fireman was not injured nor were any of the passengers, who were principally men on their way to work. When the engine left the rails it tore loose from the tender. The latter remained on the roadbed and only one car was derailed.

was shipped from New Orleans on the Southern Railway train which was held up near Gainesville, Ga., this morning. Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 18.—Southern Railway train No. 36, the United States fast mail, bound from New Orleans to New York, was held up by five masked men at White Sulphur Springs, four miles from here at 3:15 o'clock this morning. The express car safe was dynamited and the contents stolen. First reports from the scene were that more than \$100,000 was taken but Southern Railway officials declare the amount was \$700. None of the passengers was molested, few in fact knowing why the train was stopped. The robbers escaped in an automobile, according to the engineer, and are now thought to be in Hall county probably bound for the wilds of north Georgia, where pursuits would be difficult. A posse is on the trail.

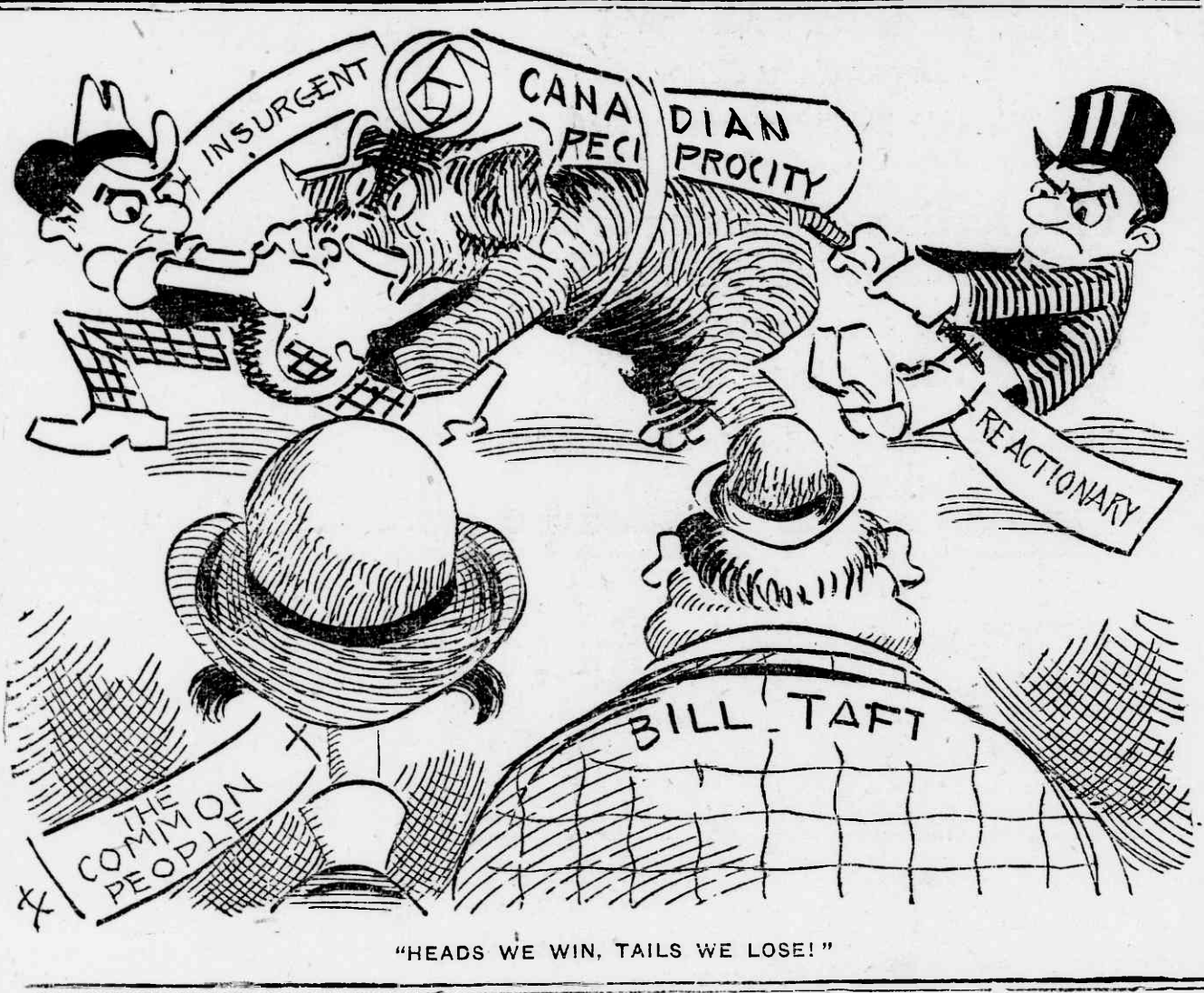
EXPRESS AGENT NOT DEAD. By Associated Press. Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 18.—The report that the express agent was killed is untrue. The train was flagged with a red lantern and when the train came to a standstill the bandits covered the engine and express car, telling the crew that if they kept quiet, none of them would be harmed but that if they did not, every one of them would be killed.

Their orders were complied with and every one on the train sat aside and saw the iron safe and express car blown to pieces and the money taken. When the order to pull out was given it is thought that there was but little money in the express car and but little money in the safe. The robbers were evidently up to their business, or professional. They have been at White Sulphur for two or three days, it is said, hanging around the depot, walking up and down the track and by the section hands at work, but no one had thought of a train robbery.

The flagman on No. 36 went back to White Sulphur and the train was held up to protect the train from the rear and report the hold-up. Deputy Sheriff W. A. Little, T. N. Haine, special officer for the Southern, B. B. Landers, Judge J. B. Gaston, W. E. Smith and many others from Gainesville are on the hunt for the robbers with blood hounds but no report has been had from them since they left. It is thought that the robbers had horses ready to run immediately after the work was done. The negro fireman on the engine is now at Lula, Ga. The negro fireman says he was made to leave the engine and go about one hundred yards to guard Lula. He says only two pistol shots were fired and that the robbers appeared to be ordinary men and that one of them had a rag tied over his mouth. The train delayed for the robbery only about 30 minutes. The negro could not catch his train as it passed him up the track, as it was running too fast. The engineer was doing all the work, he says. No team or horses was seen and the negro fireman says the robbers left in a flying machine. The fireman's name was Rufus Johnson. The engineer's name is Dave Fant, who resides on Capital avenue, in Atlanta.

Officials Know Nothing. Washington, Feb. 18.—A dispatch received at the Southern Railway headquarters told of the hold up by masked men of train No. 36, north bound near White Sulphur Springs, Ga., early today. The safe was blown up but the officials profess not to know the amount of money obtained. Report From Greenville. Greenville, S. C., Feb. 18.—Train number 36 was held up by seven masked men this morning at 2:15. Continued on Page Eight.

NEWS EXTRA TELLS THE LIVE NEWS OF HOLD-UP. An interesting, interesting, heterogeneous crowd, among which are numbered all classes in Charlotte, read the extra edition of The News published this morning. In this extra were facts about the daring hold-up of train No. 36 of the Southern Railroad, the public being informed of what had happened an hour before any other paper was circulated. Passengers who alighted from the train which reached here 45 minutes late, read about the robbery they had been witnesses to. Eagerly they bought copies of The News. On all sides the paper was congratulated for its bustling enterprise. Newsboys made a neat little sum from the sale of the extras.



"HEADS WE WIN, TAILS WE LOSE!"

THIS COW SWALLOWED DIAMOND NECKLACE

By Associated Press. Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Bristol says: A diamond necklace was found in the paunch of a cow butchered in a Bristol abattoir this morning. In the stomach of another cow was found a set of architect's drawing instruments. The cow with the necklace came in a shipment of cattle from Kentucky.

MUCH MONEY TO BE EXPENDED BY N. Y. MUSEUM

New York, Feb. 18.—The American Museum of Natural History here will spend \$2,750,000 in new buildings during the next five years. The museum's collections have grown so rapidly that the trustees find the institution's store rooms overcrowded with vast and interesting collections still undisplayed. The new buildings will provide separate halls for new archeological collections from Mexico and South America, a hall of mollus, a hall of local insects, twenty thousand specimens of insects found in or near New York city and three new ethnological halls, one for Africa and two for North America.

GEN. BERTHELD RETURNS TO THE BORDER

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.—According to members of the local, junta General Bertheld, second in command of the insurgents at Mexicali has again returned to the border after having been successful in securing more arms and recruits. They also report that Bertheld delivered important messages here which have been passed along the line from Orozco and other insurrecto leaders in Chihuahua.

GOT A STENOGRAPHER QUICK.

"Where can I get a stenographer?" asked a Charlotte lawyer in The News office one day this week. "Come across with 20 cents for a Want Ad," replied the Want Ad man, "and we will find you one quick."

S. C. Legislature Adjourned 10-day

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 18.—The South Carolina legislature, after being in session 40 days, adjourned today shortly after noon without electing a fifth justice of the supreme court. The body was in session forty days and enacted several important laws, chief among which was a marriage license bill. Governor Cole Blaise has sent to this legislature twenty special messages on various subjects.

WIRELESS TO BE USED ON U. P. TRAINS

By Associated Press. New York, February 18.—That the Union Pacific Railroad plans to equip its entire system with wireless apparatus for sending messages from moving trains to stations along the line is the announcement of Dr. Frederick Milliner, of Omaha, an electrical expert in the employ of the railroad, who is now in this city. "We have decided to adopt the wireless telephone, which our experimental work shows to be entirely practical," Dr. Milliner told the New York Railroad Club at their annual meeting here. "Within a year or so wireless telephoning from moving trains will be a feature of the daily operation of trains on the Union Pacific. Two wireless stations will be established this summer, one at Sidney, Neb., and the other at Cheyenne, Wyo., 103 miles apart on a single track. We expect to keep up communication with moving trains between these stations and others that will be established. Wires will be stretched on top of the cars. The wireless telephone which we have devised and have been using in Omaha is sufficiently powerful for messages to be received from a considerable distance simply by attaching the receiving apparatus to an ordinary umbrella held over the operator's head. The ordinary telephone head set is used by the person receiving."

WARFARE ON FLYING FOX IS STARTED

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—If the warfare on flying foxes started here yesterday by federal authorities is successful, it is probably the only two species of this animal in the United States will be killed. "One of the foxes was owned by a salesman. The other belonged to Joseph Edwards who was arrested charged with importing the animal into the United States and exhibiting it. He pleaded not guilty to the first charge and guilty to the second. Ed-wards was released on a cash bond. Ed-wards is also charged with having in his possession a mongoose, an animal barred from this country. Continued on Page Eight.

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No More of Artificially Colored Tea May Be Brought Into The United States Now

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 18.—Popular brands of low priced teas will don a motley garb after May 1, according to wholesalers and importers here. After that date according to government direction, no more artificially colored teas can be imported and have appeared in beautiful green as a result many of the teas which shades for a hundred years or more will come in hereafter in hues of brown, yellow and green. According to a statement from the importers association "the trade all over the country is unanimous in approving the new regulation. Green tea will still be green, but the color will be more natural. The artificial coloring heretofore used by the Chinese to emphasize the greenness of their product and to impart a uniform color and gloss to the leaves, a harmless dye, will be eliminated. "The general public here knows very little about tea. America is not a great tea drinking nation. The per capita consumption is only one pound a year whereas in Canada it is six pounds and in Great Britain nearly seven pounds. Tea is popular all over Europe because of the economy. A fifty cent pound of tea will provide at least 25 cups of generous strength while a 25 cent pound of coffee, the American beverage, is good for not more than thirty cups."

Will of S. Wittkowsky Probated To-day—Million Dollar Estate

TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF OF DOLLIVER

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 18.—Tributes to the memory of Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa, and Alexander S. Clay, of Georgia, will be paid today in the senate of the United States. The hour fixed for the delivery of eulogies is 2:30 o'clock. Senators Cummins, Cullom, Tillman, Clapp, Beveridge, La Follette, Gore, Chamberlain and Young will speak of the life and character of Mr. Dolliver. Mr. Clay will be eulogized by Senators Bacon, Scott, Taliaferro, Lodge, Overman, Carter and Bailey. Senator Terrell, of Georgia, also was to have been among the speakers but illness will prevent his appearing to laud the senator whom he succeeded. The senate on Monday will hear eulogies of the late Senators Daniel, of Virginia, and McEnery, of Louisiana.

After Providing For His Wife Deceased Financier Leaves Residue of Estate to His Three Children, They to Share Equally.

Real Estate in Charlotte And For Three Miles Out of Charlotte, Not to Be Sold Until 1920—Strict Provision in Regard Thereto.

The will of the late Samuel Wittkowsky was admitted to probate at noon. Dr. Albert Wittson, of New York, son of deceased, and Mr. Joseph E. Hart, son-in-law of deceased are named as executors. The will bears date Sept. 8, 1908. The estate is valued at close on to a million dollars. The Will. After making ample provision for his wife Mr. Wittkowsky willed the rest and residue of his estate to his three children, Albert T. Wittson, Gerard S. Wittson and Mrs. Adele Hart, wife of Mr. J. B. Hart. Mr. Hart's share of the estate is to be held in trust by the executors. At her death, if she leaves no child, or children, the corpus of her share of the estate goes to her brothers to be divided between them, or their legal representatives, equally. Item V of the will says: "It is my will that my executors do not change any of my investments (other than the real estate herein mentioned), so long as they shall consider the same safe and fairly remunerative, but that said investments be divided up into as many shares as may be thus set apart to the beneficiaries enlisted thereto."

TORRENS LAND TITLE BILL MADE SPECIAL ORDER

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 18.—Senator Cotten's bill to provide the Torrens land title system for North Carolina was reported without prejudice in the senate by the committee on judiciary and made a special order for next Wednesday at 12 o'clock. Good progress was made towards clearing the calendar of local and private bills. No state-wide bills were considered. The bill to provide a commission form of government for Winston passed second reading. In the house great numbers of local bills were put through on final reading. The revenue bill was made a special order for Monday with plan for speedy consideration to the measure to get it through without undue haste during the two weeks of the session remaining. The Avery county bill is made the special order for Tuesday night. The house passed a bill to prohibit putting felon stripes on prisoners convicted of misdemeanors.

Item VII. It is my will that my children, by and with the written consent of their mother and my executors, may divide among themselves any portion of any property, at a valuation to be agreed upon among them, provided that in case of a division of my real estate, or any part of it, in the manner aforesaid, the beneficiary or beneficiaries receiving the same shall not sell, convey or directly or indirectly create any lien thereon before the year 1920, and in case any said beneficiary shall attempt to sell, convey or create any lien upon the real estate so divided, and set apart to him or her before the year 1920, in that event all the right, will and interest of the beneficiary so violating this provision of my will in all of the property attempted to be conveyed or charged, shall immediately cease and determine, whereupon the same shall become vested in such of my said beneficiaries as shall not violate or attempt to violate said provisions of this will.

Item VIII. I hereby appoint my second son, Dr. Albert J. Wittson, and my son-in-law, Joseph E. Hart, the executors of this, my last will and testament, and direct that they shall not be required to give bond for the faithful discharge of this trust, even if they should be removed from this country. Continued on Page Eight.

PORTO RICAN BASEBALL TEAM COMING HERE

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 18.—The public high schools of Porto Rico, will send a baseball team to America this summer to play a series of championship games with school boys teams from the schools of American cities. The scheme has the enthusiastic endorsement of James E. Sullivan of the A. A. U. and other New York athletic officers. Several New York high schools have applied for the privilege of playing the visitors.

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