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FIVE CENT

MASKED MEN HOLD UP TRAIN

Engineer Clow Shot and Killed for Resisting

ON NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Failed in Attempt to Blow up Express Car—Bloodhounds Put on Trail and One of Men Captured—Possibility of Other.

Butte, Mont., May 7.—The North Coast limited east bound train, No. 22, on the Northern Pacific railway was held up by two masked men near Welch's spur, a siding 18 miles east of Butte, at 2:15 this morning.

Engineer James Clow was shot and killed and fireman James Sullivan was shot through the arm. Without making an attempt to blow up the express car, as was evidently intended, the robbers jumped from the engine and ran down the mountainside, disappearing in a gulch several hundred yards from the track.

Sheriff Henderson, of Butte, was notified and with a posse left on a train for the scene of the holdup. Sheriff Webb, of Yellowstone county was on the train and, with one of the train crew, started on the trail of the hold-up men five minutes after the shooting.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail and this afternoon one of the fugitives was captured at Woodville, near Butte. The robbers left a telescope grip on the tender of the locomotive. The grip was full of giant powder, evidently intended for use in blowing up the express car. The men boarded the train presumably at the Butte transfer, where a locomotive for the Montana division was attached. One mile west of Welch the men crawled over the tender, and with drawn guns, commanded the engineer to stop the train, which he did. Engineer Clow, however, made a show of resistance and one of the robbers fired, shooting him through the body killing him instantly. The other man shot at Sullivan, breaking his arm.

When the train stopped, conductor Bert Culver and the train crew ran to the engine where they found a colored man, who related the circumstances of the hold up. This man said that he had been stealing a ride and that the men offered him a third of the "booty" if he would assist them. He said he had refused to take any part in the hold up. He says he can identify the robbers, and the man is being held for that purpose.

The posse with bloodhounds was joined at Welch by H. Goddard, chief of the Northern Pacific detectives at Livingston; Deputy Sheriff Keen of Gallatin county, and by James Latta of Bozeman. Keen and Latta are the men who traced and captured "Ike" Gravelle, who, some time ago, tried to force the Northern Pacific Railroad company to pay him \$50,000 blackmail.

PROPOSED LOAN APPROVED

Government Officials Will Co-operate in Making Exposition a Success.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary Cortelyou and Assistant Secretary Edwards of the treasury department held a conference today with officials of the Jamestown Exposition company, President Tucker, Chairman Johnson and Mr. Elyson of the board of governors of the exposition being present. Details of the proposed loan of \$400,000 by the company were submitted and approved.

This fund will enable the company to pay off all outstanding obligations and leave a balance sufficient for proper operation of the exposition.

The government officials connected with the exposition are anxious to aid in making the celebration a success and will cooperate with the company in every way possible to bring about that result.

Reports from the exposition grounds are encouraging and it is thought that within a short time the exposition will be in full operation.

Norfolk, Va., May 7.—As the result of conference of Pres. Tucker, Chair. Johnston, of the board of governors of the Jamestown exposition, Vice President A. H. Martin of the exposition company today announced a postponement until tomorrow of the meeting of the board of directors of the exposition company which was to have been held today, to make final arrangements for the placing of the \$400,000 bond issue authorized for the completion of the exposition. The company, it is officially stated, has several offers for the floating of the bonds.

Convicted of Peonage.

Tampa, Fla., May 7.—F. L. Howden, general manager of the Prairie Pebble Phosphate company at Mulberry, Fla., was convicted this afternoon of peonage by a jury in the United States court after a two days trial. Judge Locks reserved sentence. The court immediately proceeded with the trial of W. C. Sprott, marshal of Mulberry, on a similar charge.

Visit Geo. O. Gaylord's today and get some Bleaching.

WEDDING RING CAUSED TRAGEDY

William O. Rice Kills His Wife and Commits Suicide

JEALOUSY SAID TO BE MOTIVE

Desperate Man Also Attempted to Kill His One-year Old Child—Tragedy Enacted in Presence of the Sister of the Murdered Woman

Washington, May 7.—As a result, it is alleged, of a quarrel over a wedding ring, William O. Rice, aged 25 years, of 131 Heckman street southeast, this city, and a telegraph operator on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company, today shot and instantly killed his wife Lillian, fired a shot at his one year old baby Earl, which took effect in the leg, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. Rice, who worked nights, returned to his home at an early hour this morning and finding his wife and baby asleep, woke them up. A discussion ensued regarding Mrs. Rice's wedding ring, it being alleged that Rice had possession of the ring and would not return it to his wife. A quarrel followed, when Rice, securing a pistol lying on a table, fired four shots.

Rice, his wife and child resided in the house of Mrs. Rice's father and mother. Her relatives think the crime was actuated by jealousy although there was no reason for it. The tragedy was enacted in the presence of Miss Ida Groves, sister of the murdered woman. Rice died almost instantly two bullets having entered his body. His wife breathed her last while in the patrol wagon on the way to Providence hospital. Little Earl was detained at the hospital to be treated for a bullet wound in the fleshy part of his leg and while the surgeons think he will recover from the effects of it, they are not certain that an injury to his head when he fell from his mother's arms, will not result seriously. There have been two murders and four suicides in Washington within 24 hours.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS

Washington and Pamlico Railway Company Chartered—Aldermen Sustain Mayor.

Raleigh, May 7.—The board of aldermen sustained Mayor Johnson in suspending from duty Chief of Fire Department John Mangum and continued his suspension until June 1st, when he will be restored to duty. The taking of evidence in this locally sensational case ended late this afternoon. Mayor Johnson asked the board to do as much for Johnson as possible. The evidence showed a long use of city property by outsiders without payment.

The Washington and Pamlico Railway Company is chartered, with a hundred thousand dollars authorized capital stock, to operate roads and furnish electric light power within fifteen miles of Washington.

The following opinions were filed by the supreme court:

Tice vs. Whitaker, from Forsythe, affirmed; Williams vs. Railroad, from Gaston, new trial; Cook vs. Dancy, from Wilkes, new trial; Manufacturing Company vs. Moore, Caldwell, affirmed; Barnhardt vs. Hagmon, from Caldwell, affirmed; Shakespeare vs. Lumber Co., from Caldwell, new trial, costs divided between parties. Harper vs. Locke, from Caldwell, per curiam, affirmed; Turnpike Company vs. Absher, from Wilkes, per curiam, affirmed; Smith vs. Railroad, from Burke, dismissed by consent.

WAS PAID SIGNAL HONOR

Japanese Vice Admiral Ranking Officer in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, Va., May 7.—Signal honor was paid today to Vice Admiral Sir Gero Injun, commander of the Japanese squadron in Hampton Roads. He is the ranking naval officer in the waters off the Jamestown exposition grounds and today every commander of the American and foreign fleets called upon him. The first to call was Admiral Davis of the American fleet, representing Admiral Evans, who is sick. The commanders of the Italian, Austrian, French and other squadrons then called. The Japanese cruisers occupy the places in the battleship column made vacant by the departure of the British squadron.

Victim of Mad Dog.

Cincinnati, May 7.—William Cooper Proctor, president of the Proctor and Gamble Soap Company, who was bitten by one of his pet dogs last week which was suffering from rabies, returned from New York yesterday, where he had undergone the Pasteur treatment.

The danger to the health of the young millionaire, it was said today, has been entirely averted.

DANCING TONIGHT

At Lumina. Special schedule on Suburban Line.

Bleaching sale today at Gaylord's. 10 yards for 70c. Best Calicoes 6c.

SIX YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Alexander Chisolm Convicted of Embezzlement

WAS PAYING TELLER OF BANK.

Lost \$100,000 of Funds of Institution in Cotton Speculation—Regarded Verdict as a Just One—Jury Asked to Sign Petition for Pardon.

Birmingham, Ala., May 7.—After having been out since 6 o'clock last evening, the jury in the case of Alexander Chisolm, former paying teller, charged with having embezzled \$100,000 from the First National Bank of Birmingham, which it is alleged he lost in cotton speculation, brought in a verdict of guilty shortly after 1 o'clock today and fixed the sentence at six years in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

When asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Chisolm arose and said that he regarded the verdict as a just one, that he was not crazy and never had been insane, but he regretted the affair very much. Sentence was then pronounced.

Judge Hundley said that in view of the youth of the prisoner he did not feel justified in giving him the maximum sentence—ten years—but in view of the enormity of the crime and the vigor of the defense he would not be justified in giving him the minimum penalty—five years.

He therefore made the sentence six years. As the prisoner arose and made his brief statement, closing with a plea for mercy his aged father began to sob while his sisters covered their faces with their handkerchiefs. His mother with remarkable fortitude controlled her feelings.

Before the jury left the box Heyward Chisolm, a younger brother of the prisoner, asked the twelve men to sign a petition for the pardon of the man they had just pronounced guilty. It is understood that a number of the jurors signed the petition. It is stated that Colonel Robert Chisolm, father of the prisoner, this morning privately requested Judge Hundley to have the sentence imposed to become effective today. The request, the court is said to have granted, and young Chisolm will be taken to Atlanta tomorrow.

FATALLY WOUNDED WHITE MAN

Negro's Body Riddled With Bullets by Georgia Mob.

Augusta, Ga., May 7.—A special to the Herald from Deering, Ga., says: Charlie Harris, a negro farm hand, who yesterday shot and wounded Hayden Pearson, a prominent farmer, was lynched last night by a mob of about forty unmasked men. His body was riddled with bullets.

The mob then visited the negro's home, severely whipped members of his family and gave them a brief time in which to get out of McDuffie county. Pearson, who lives near this place, was remonstrating with the negro about poor work done on his farm when Harris drew a revolver and fired several shots into his body. His death is but a question of hours. A posse was immediately organized and captured the negro. He was started toward Thompson, but never got through a deep swamp which had to be crossed. No arrests have been made.

JAPS MUCH INTERESTED

Devote Much Time Taking in Sights of Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., May 7.—During the stay of the Japanese cruisers Chitose and Tsukuba in Hampton Roads the officers and men of the American battleships Louisiana and Maine will entertain the officers and men of the Mikado's war vessels. Efforts are now being made to arrange a rowing race between the Japanese and American sailors and it is possible that the merits of Jiu Jitsu will be tested against the catch-as-catch-can of the Americans on the mat. There is a friendly intermingling of the men from the American and Japanese ships ashore and the little sea fighters from the east are devoting more time to taking in the sights than have the men of any of the other squadrons which have visited the Jamestown exposition.

IN NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS

Elections Yesterday Generally Without Political Interest.

Raleigh, N. C., May 7.—Elections were held in nearly all North Carolina towns today. The contests were generally without political interest.

In Asheville and Concord the republicans made an aggressive fight, lost out entirely in Asheville, but elected one alderman in Concord.

In Charlotte a business men's ticket opposed to agitation of the liquor question was elected.

In Reidsville a high license board had a strong majority. One of the most heated contests was in Durham over purely local issues. Mayor Graham was re-elected over two competitors.

FEARED HE HAD KILLED A MAN

Harold Jones Commits Suicide to Prevent Capture

HAD BEEN DRIVEN FROM HOME

In Company With Companion Attempted to Hold up Two Men—Pursued by Police Who Saw Occurrence—Thought He Killed His Pursuer.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 7.—Folled in his attempt to hold up with the aid of a companion two trolley conductors, a man fearing that he had killed a policeman in his effort to escape Harold S. Jones, aged 16 years, shot and killed himself on the street as he was about to be captured by another policeman. His companion, G. H. Gedde, aged 18 years, was arrested while in bed at his home. Jones belonged to a good family in the northwestern part of the city, his father being a prosperous business man. The boy had some differences with his father yesterday and he was told to shift for himself. As the boy was leaving the house his weeping mother asked him what he was going to do and he replied: "I don't know and I don't care."

Jones sought out Gedde and they were not heard of again until they turned up in West Philadelphia and held up the two conductors. They showed fight and Jones and his companion fled. Policemen saw the occurrence and gave chase. Jones turned and shot at one of the pursuing policemen. The bullet went wide of the mark, but the policemen in order to deceive the fleeing youth dropped to the sidewalk as if he had been shot. Jones saw him fall and stopped, backed up against the side of a house and sent a bullet into his own heart.

A QUESTION OF VERACITY

Policeman Says He Was Playing Poker, Sheriff Says He Was Not.

New York, May 7.—Something of a sensation was caused in Jefferson City today by the arrest of Sheriff Kaiser of Hudson county, the county in which Jefferson City is situated, in a raid on an alleged poker game in a saloon. The policeman who made the arrest declares the game was in full progress when he burst into the room and said that the sheriff had in his possession poker chips and some of the money was on the table.

Sheriff Kaiser says his arrest was a mistake that he was merely playing pinocle when the policeman broke in to the room.

The sheriff was taken to the police station in a patrol wagon with several other prisoners, but was permitted to go on his own recognizance.

FOR GRANTING REBATES

Railroad Companies Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.

New York, May 7.—A federal grand jury which has been investigating rebates cases today indicted the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway company, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company, New York, Ontario and Western railway company, and the Western Transit company on charges of granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining Company.

All the indictments contain several counts, the largest number being in that against the Ontario and Western, which charges thirty separate offences. The New York Central and Hudson River railroad was indicted some time ago, found guilty and fined heavily. The Sugar Refining Company, which was also indicted for accepting rebates from the New York Central, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine.

SOUGHT RELIEF IN DEATH.

Mrs. Emily Gibson, of Concord, N. C., Commits Suicide.

Baltimore, May 7.—Mrs. Emily Magruder Gibson, wife of Robert E. Gibson, of Concord, N. C., committed suicide today by swallowing carbolic acid at the home of Mr. William H. Gorman, brother of the late Senator Gorman, at Catonsville, a suburb of this city.

Mrs. Gibson was suffering from nervous trouble. She was 55 years old and was born in Virginia, being a daughter of the late Allen B. Magruder and a niece of the Confederate General John Bankhead Magruder.

WILL WITHDRAW FROM TEXAS

Companies are Opposed to New Insurance Law.

New York, May 7.—Following a meeting of the association of life insurance presidents today a statement was issued in which it was intimated that the companies represented in the association would withdraw from Texas when the new insurance law of that state becomes effective June 1. The new legislation which provides that 75 per cent of the reserve of Texas policies shall be invested in Texas securities is declared by the association to be confiscatory in its effect.

DANCING TONIGHT

At Lumina. Special schedule on Suburban Line.

RIOT IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Strike Breakers and Strikers Engage in Desperate Fight

LASTED OVER AN HOUR

Eight Men Wounded, Some of Whom Will Die—Dozen or More Arrests Made—Police Reserves Called Out and Are Patrolling Streets.

San Francisco, May 7.—Strike breakers in the uniforms of car inspectors and strikers and their sympathizers fought this afternoon on Turk street for more than an hour. Eight men were shot, among them a policeman and Detective Bell. Several of the men will die. The shooting was done by strike breakers from car windows, in response to a shower of paving stones and bricks hurled by the mob.

Eight men received bullet wounds, some of which will prove fatal.

Finally a dozen or more of the guards were arrested by reserves from the central police station and a union crowd boarded the rear most car and started it back to the barns.

Arriving there the strikers charged, revolver fire was opened from the barns. In this encounter several more men were shot. A non-union man threw the switch at Turk and Fillmore streets and the derailed car shot into the sidewalk, maiming two men whose names have not been learned. In the stampede that followed, scores of women and children were trampled upon.

The appearance of relief squads to reinforce Police Captain Mooney's men resulted about 4:30 in the partial dispersing of the crowds.

A rumor has it that Superintendent Chapman was seen about 5 o'clock driving rapidly on Golden Gate avenue, in an automobile that was dashed with blood. There is no confirmation of the rumor that Mr. Chapman was wounded. Practically all of the police reserves at the various precinct stations have been called out and are now patrolling the neighborhood of Fillmore and Turk streets.

RAILWAY TRAINMEN

Brotherhood Meet in Biennial Convention in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., May 7.—More than 300 delegates gathered here today for the biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Grand Master P. H. Morrissey, of Cleveland, O., presided.

Formal welcome was extended to the visiting delegates this evening in a public meeting at which addresses were made by Governor J. M. Terrell; Mayor Joyner, C. T. Ladson and Jerome Jones. Response was made by Grand Master Morrissey and L. S. Coffin, of Fort Dodge, Ia.

The appointment of a board on insurance to pass upon claims in the years in which no convention is held, and the discussion of labor policies with particular reference to the association idea which was employed recently in Chicago, when forty railroads were dealt with collectively instead of independently as formerly, are among the important topics to be discussed.

PLACED MORTGAGE ON HOUSE

Mrs. William Thaw Secures \$100,000 on "Lyndhurst."

Pittsburg, May 7.—"Lyndhurst," the pretentious home of William Thaw, in the East End section of this city, has been mortgaged for \$100,000 according to the Pittsburg Leader tonight.

The mortgage was made some time ago, the book containing the record has been hidden, according to this newspaper and information concerning the document did not become public until today. The interest charged is 5 1/2 per cent and the mortgage is held by the Fidelity Title and Trust Company.

It will mature in three years.

The papers were drawn in New York city on March 7, 1907 and was witnessed by Attorney Clifford of Thaw's counsel and John P. Meager, a notary who did the work of witnessing and putting the official seal of the commonwealth upon the document. Extraordinary efforts were made to keep the mortgage secret.

DUEL TO THE DEATH

Both Men Aspirants for Hand of Same Girl.

San Antonio, Tex., May 7.—A special from Pueblo, Mexico, says: Janedero, a millionaire owner of several haciendas, and Jos. Maria Beltran, a municipal director of Tlatanguil, both aspirants for the hand of the daughter of a prominent planter of this district, fought a duel with pistols in the streets today in which both were mortally wounded. The men had quarreled repeatedly and when they met today following an encounter of last night Beltran opened fire. Janedero returned the fire and both men fell. From their recumbent positions they continued firing until each had received wounds which physicians say are mortal.

MURDEROUS WORK OF LUNATIC

Walter Charley Davis Shoots and Kills Six Men

USED DOUBLE-BARRELED GUN

All of His Victims Inmates of Same Boarding House—Fought Like a Demon When Attempt Was Made to Arrest Him.

San Francisco, May 7.—Walter C. Davis, a carpenter, in a fit of insanity today, shot and killed five persons at 414 Pierres street, in this city, Davis and his victims all resided with the family of Orson Bush, who conducted a boarding house. Davis' home is in Farmersville, near Visalia, this state, where he had a wife and six children. He has been working here as a carpenter since the fire. The shooting was done with a double barrel shot gun. Davis' wife slept in the room with young Orson Bush and W. E. Beard, arose shortly after 1 o'clock and shot his two room mates.

After killing Bush and Beard, Davis took a box of shells from a shelf and walked down the hallway where he met Mrs. Lillie Carothers, a boarder, who had heard the first two shots and had come to her doorway to find out what was the matter. He shot her and, with the remaining shell shot Mrs. Orson Bush.

M. E. Winton, a government surveyor, who had recently come here from New York, was killed while he lay in bed.

Orson Bush, Sr., heard the shooting and rushed upstairs, where he was met by the murderer. The appearance of the hall indicates that Bush made a desperate fight for his life. His body was found as it had fallen at the head of the stairs.

Seventeen-year-old Annie Bush came running into the hall and met Davis. He turned the gun upon the girl, aiming at her head. The girl found voice to say "Please don't shoot me," and the shot gun dropped from Davis' hands.

"I can't do it," he said. "You are a good girl. Besides you look like my own child, and I would see her face if I killed you."

When the policemen came to arrest Davis he fought like a demon and a riot call was turned in. Seven officers responded in an automobile. Two officers engaged Davis in a conversation while the others got behind him and pinioned his arms. He was then removed to the detention hospital.

WILL REMAIN IN STATUS QUO

Mexico Awaiting Answer to Second Note to Guatemala.

City of Mexico, May 7.—According to the state department today the Guatemalan question remains unchanged. Minister of Foreign Relations Mariscal denied emphatically that diplomatic relations between the two countries had been broken off, or that the preliminaries for such a contingency had been planned.

Mexico has sent another and a stronger note to Guatemala, insisting upon the delivery of General Jose Lima, accused of instigating the murder of General Manuel Barrillas and also insisting upon the sending of Colonel Onofre Bone as a witness in the Barrillas murder case.

Pending the receipt of an answer to the note sent by the Mexican government to Guatemala, affairs will remain in status quo.

MAY HAVE BEEN LYNCHED

Negro Who Attempted to Assault 12 Year Old Girl.

Columbia, S. C., May 7.—Lambold Carmichael, a Marion county negro, is supposed to have been lynched some time last night by a mob for an attempted assault upon Tincey Sawyer, the 12-year-old daughter of John Sawyer a well known farmer who lives near Mullins. The little girl's screams brought her father to her aid and he recognized the negro. The alarm was immediately given and a posse started in pursuit of the negro. When the posse returned from the chase they merely stated that the negro was out of the way and that "he could do no more harm."

On Saturday night of last week a negro made two attempts to assault the wife of a station agent in the same neighborhood.

ELECTION IN BALTIMORE

Both Branches of City Council Democratic by Large Majorities.

Baltimore, May 7.—In the municipal election held here today, J. Barry Mahool was elected mayor over the present incumbent, E. C. Timanus, by a majority of 4,500. Both branches of the city council are democratic by large majorities. The democrats also elected the comptroller and the president of the second branch of the city council.

BLUE RIBBON WINS

Whenever a housekeeper tests the merits of different vanilla extracts Blue Ribbon always wins. Try it and you'll know why.