

\$18,000 HOLD-UP IS SOLVED BY ARRESTS OF THREE SUSPECTS

Charlotte Police Get Trio in Robbery of Springs Mill Payroll in South Carolina

THINK MONEY WILL SOON BE LOCATED

Detective Littlejohn, Of Charlotte, Believes Money Is Hidden in Union County; Deputy Sheriff Who Drove Payroll Car Wednesday Is Also Held

Charlotte, Dec. 27 (AP)—Charlotte police arrested three men here today and announced the \$18,000 payroll hold-up near Lancaster, S. C., yesterday was solved.

When Frank Littlejohn, chief of detectives, announced the case was broken the loot taken from a Springs Mill payroll car by four bandits in a hold-up on the Chester-Lancaster highway, had not been recovered.

Littlejohn, however, said he believed the money would be recovered in a short while. With a squad of officers he left for an undisclosed point in Union county, where he said he expected to find the \$18,000.

The men arrested here were Manuel and James Miller, brothers, and Leroy Holliday, a taxi driver. Meanwhile, it was disclosed that Phil Thurman, a deputy sheriff and driver of the payroll car, was being held at Lancaster.

A few hours after the robbery, Sheriff Roy Blackman, of Lancaster county, took a woman, Nell Garney, 24, and two men, Robert Craig, 35, and Frank Dees, 39, into custody for questioning.

The Garney girl lives near the scene of the robbery, a short distance from the Catawba river bridge on the Lancaster side of the Lancaster-Chester county line. Craig and Dees

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Vandalism Blamed In Rail Crash

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Vandalism was blamed by F. H. Krick, superintendent of the Cleveland division of the Pennsylvania railroad, for a passenger train wreck near Columbus today in which two trainmen were killed.

The dead are A. B. Eckles, of Lake wood, road foreman of engines; Engineer H. S. Beach, of Mount Vernon, Ohio; and Fireman John Skolar of Cleveland.

Superintendent Krick said his office had received a report from the scene of the wreck that a switch had been locked open.

The train, carrying two coaches, ran into a line of eight box cars on a siding. "Our information indicates that someone locked the switch open with intention of causing a wreck," Krick said.

The superintendent's office later received word that Fireman John Skolar, of Cleveland, the mail clerk, and three passenger had been taken to University hospital in Columbus.

NRA Codes Price Fixing Held Illegal

Kansas City Federal Judge Rules Against Government In Test Case

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Code price fixing under the NRA was ruled illegal by Judge Merrill E. Otis in Federal district court here today.

"Congress has no power to fix prices, even in transactions undoubtedly a part of interstate commerce," Judge Otis held in his opinion.

The ruling was made in denying a temporary injunction sought by the government against Robert Sutherland, operating as the Sutherland Lumber Company. The company, with headquarters here, operates lumber yards in Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska on a "cash and carry" basis.

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Authored Pamphlet



Mary Belle Spencer, juror on panel of booklet containing imaginary story of trial of case similar to Lindbergh case may result in calling new panel. Mrs. Mary Belle Spencer, Chicago attorney, is author of the pamphlet but says she doesn't know who mailed copies to prospective jurors.

France Will Not Give Up Trotzky Yet

Will Keep Him For Protection; Even if Russia Asks for Him, Paris Says

Paris, Dec. 27.—(AP)—French officials said today that Leon Trotzky, exiled former Soviet Russian leader, is "safely hidden in France," and even if the Soviet asks his extradition he will not be surrendered.

The Soviet government announced at Moscow that Leonard Nicolaief, confessed slayer of Sergel Kiroff at Leningrad, had implicated Trotzky in a plot to assassinate various leaders of Soviet Russia.

The official said that the widely known revolutionary was "a long distance from Paris, living quietly and closely watched. They said secret service men were on guard, both to protect him and to prevent him from engaging in undesirable activities.

Trotzky is kept in France, it was explained, "because no other country is willing to take him."

France, because of her traditional policy of harboring political refugees, was said to be unwilling to force him to leave, on the ground that such action would be equivalent to sending him to death or to prison.

CAUSE OF WRECK NOW DETERMINED

Brakeman by Mistake Threw Switch That Ended in Canadian Tragedy

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(AP)—W. A. Kingsland, general manager of the central region of the Canadian National Railways, issued an official statement today saying E. S. Lynch, forward brakeman of the London-Toronto passenger special, which was wrecked Christmas night with a loss of 15 lives, threw the switch which sent the Detroit-Toronto express into the standing special.

The statement, in part, said: "After the passenger express had entered the siding, Rear End Brakeman Lynch properly set and locked the switch for the main line and turned the marker lights on the rear of his train from red to green to indicate to the enginemen of any following train that the passenger extra was clear of the main line.

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To Be Floor Leader



Representative William Bankhead of Alabama is assured of selection as Democratic floor leader in the new house of representatives. He will succeed Representative Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, who will become speaker to succeed the late Henry T. Rainey of Illinois. Representative John J. O'Connor of New York will become chairman of the important rules committee.

TRIO OF HALIFAX PEOPLE KILLED AT A GRADE CROSSING

Mrs. Mary Woodard, of Enfield, and Two Others of Weldon Lose Lives at Enfield

CAR DRIVEN UPON A BLIND CROSSING

Fast Coast Line Train Hits Car; Two Others Injured, One of Whom May Die; Crash Occurs Wednesday Night; Mrs. Woodard's Daughter Injured

Enfield, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and two others injured, one critically, when a speeding passenger train struck an automobile at a grade crossing here last night.

The dead: Mrs. Mary Woodard, of Enfield, believed to be about 42 years old.

William Shaw, about 25, Weldon.

John Bland, about 12, Weldon.

Edith Woodard, 18, daughter of Mrs. Woodard, received head wounds and a broken arm.

Henry W. Lowe, of Weldon, was injured, but not seriously.

The crash occurred when the automobile was driven onto a blind crossing directly in the path of the northbound train.

IGNORE ALIBI LAW IN HAUPTMANN CASE

Flemington, N. J., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The State of New Jersey, an official source said today has decided to ignore one of the cards in its hand against Bruno Richard Hauptmann—its "new alibi law."

By invoking the law passed by the 1134 legislature, the State could force Hauptmann's defense to give notice of any intention to claim that Hauptmann was not at the scene of the Lindbergh kidnaping at the time of the crime.

\$7,000,000 Will Be All Libby Holman's Boy Asks Of The Reynolds Estate

Winston-Salem, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Seven million dollars of his father's estate is enough for little Christopher Smith Reynolds, he told the court through a paper filed today by his "next friend," R. C. Vaughn, appointed to represent the infant son of Libby Holman Reynolds in the various legal jockeying for the Smith Reynolds fortune.

DR. ARCH JOHNSON, BAPTIST EDITOR, IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Was Editor of Charity and Children 35 Years and Writings Widely Quoted

WAS PROMINENT IN WORK OF BAPTISTS

Native of Scotland County and Will Be Buried There After Funeral at Thomasville Tomorrow; Had Been in Declining Health 12 Years

Thomasville, Dec. 27 (AP)—Archibald Johnson, 75, for half a century a prominent figure in the Baptist church of the State and South, and editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Mills Home Baptist Orphanage here, died at 3:30 o'clock this morning following a long illness. He had been in declining health for the past 12 years.

He was the father of Gerald W. Johnson, associate editor of the Baltimore Evening Sun, and formerly head of the Department of Journalism at the University of North Carolina. He was a brother of Dr. Livingston Johnson, also a well known figure of the Southern Baptist Church, who died three years ago at his home in Raleigh.

Mr. Johnson came to Thomasville from Scotland county in 1899 and became editor of Charity for Children, a position in which his darity and vigor of expression made that organ a respected organ in North Carolina journals.

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Final Arguments In Morals Case In Smithfield Begun

Smithfield, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Charles C. Cannady, solicitor-elect completed his arguments for the prosecution, and William Welton made a plea for the defense at the morning session of the trial of eight defendants charged with kidnaping three girls and taking them to New York for immoral purposes as the case neared the jury stage in Johnston County Superior Court here today.

Only two more arguments, one for each side, and the charge of Judge Frank Daniels, remained before the case will go to the jury. It was estimated at the close of the morning session all speaking will be completed tomorrow morning.

Arrests For 1934 License Tags Ordered

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Baskerville.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—The sale of new 1935 automobile licenses is still going much more slowly than had been hoped and is just catching up with last year's sales, Director L. S. Harris, of the motor vehicle bureau of the Department of Revenue, said this morning. While not total sales up to this morning had been tabulated, Director Harris estimated that not more than 75,000 new sets of license plates had been sold, while sales to the same date last year amounted to 74,150.

"Only four days are left, including today, during which those who want to use their cars January 1 and thereafter may buy their new plates," Harris said. "It will, of course, be impossible to sell more than 350,000 sets of license plates in four days. So

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13 Miners Killed, 43 Hurt As Work Train Locomotive Explodes In West Virginia

LEGION CHIEF SEES BONUS NEAR



Expressing certainty that World War veterans would receive a bonus before spring, Frank N. Belgarno, Jr., national commander of the American Legion, is pictured responding to welcome as he arrives in his home town, San Francisco from Washington.

Talk Liquor Law To Get New Money

1935 Legislature May Turn To Control Plan as Source For Revenue

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Baskerville.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Will the need for more revenue result in the modification of the State's present prohibition law and result in a State liquor control law similar to that in Virginia?

This question is being discussed more and more here as the time for the 1935 General Assembly to meet draws near. While present indications are that the forthcoming legislature will try to side-step and avoid the prohibition law question if it can, there are other indications that a determined effort will be made by some of the members to get the State to forsake its present position with regard to prohibition, regarded as extremely hypocritical by many, and get some revenue from the tremendous liquor business being carried on in all sections of the State, but from which the State collects no one penny.

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SOME SCHOOL FOLK AGAINST DIVERSION

Realize Rural Schools Dependent on Upkeep of Country Roads

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Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Not all of the school people and county superintendents are favoring diversion of part of the highway fund into the general fund, although it is a well known fact that a large number of the school politicians are openly advocating the diversion of \$5,000,000 a year from the highway revenue into the general fund, to be used for school purposes. But a large number of county superintendents, who know how close

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight and Friday; Friday increasing cloudiness, slowly rising temperature, followed by rain or snow in extreme west portion in afternoon or night.

Deplores Wrecks; Is Victim of One

Fayetteville, Dec. 27.—(AP)—"We seem to have more automobile accidents in North Carolina than in any other State," Rev. Archer Boogher, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, remarked to a visiting clergyman as they started across Green street last night.

Before they reached the other side, Boogher had been knocked down by a car driven by A. J. Purdie, local barber. He sustained a badly lacerated scalp and several bruises. Purdie was charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

BIG BUSINESS FOR A TEMPORARY DOLE

Young, Raskob And Associates See Insurance Far In the Future

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 27.—The business leaders (Owen D. Young, John J. Raskob and associates), who prefer a straight-out unemployment dole to work relief, because the dole is less costly, are not quite as coldblooded in their suggestion as it sounds, badly

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HOLD NEGROES FOR PATROLMAN'S DEATH

Asheville, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two Negroes sought for the slaying of E. B. Milan, a State highway patrolman, in Greenville county, S. C., were arrested here today and turned over to South Carolina officers. The highway patrolman was slain Christmas day while trying to quell a disturbance in a Negro church yard.

Three Held for Mystery Killing Wilmington Man

Wilmington, Dec. 27 (AP)—Three men were ordered held today by the coroner's jury for the death of Cole G. Pridden, linotype operator, who was fatally injured in a drinking club here Sunday night.

Those held are James B. Lewis and Luther Hargrove, of Wilmington, alleged operatives of the club, and H. B. Sealey, of Greensboro, reported to have served as doorkeeper of the club.

Evidence at the inquest tended to show Pridden was either thrown down the steps or that he fell after being struck over the head with a heavy instrument.

OVER HUNDRED MEN RIDING TO WORK AS BLAST LETS LOOSE

Fearful Number of Injured Will Die of Wounds in Hospital Where They Are Treated

BOILER IS HURLED OVER UPON COACH

Streets Quickly Fill With Men, Women and Children Inquiring Anxiously for Loved Ones; Tragedy In Mining Country Occurs In Early Morning

Montgomery, W. Va., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Thirteen miners were killed and at least 43 injured today by the explosion of a locomotive of a train taking workers to a mine of the Elkhorn-Piney Coal Company in the heart of this mountain country.

The fireman and engineer were among those killed.

The blast, said to have been caused by a buckling of a fire box cover and the subsequent loosening of the boiler tubes, echoed through the valley, along which the little train daily hauls the workers to and from their homes.

Pieces of the locomotive and cars were blown 100 yards away and the flying debris cut or bruised those of the workers who were able to flee the wreckage itself.

More than 100 were riding on the three-coach train. The blast hurled dozens of the passengers clear of the track, and the injured died as they lay exposed in the bitter cold.

Company officials, rushing to the

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Two Sisters Found Dead In Bedroom

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two sisters, members of a prominent family here, were found shot to death in the bedroom of their home today. Coroner J. P. Randolph pronounced the tragedy "murder and suicide," and said Miss Christine Burroughs, 27, shot her 14-year-old "favorite" sister, Claire, and then turned the gun on herself.

Members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Burroughs, hearing a hot, found the body of the older girl on the floor, a pistol clutched in her hand. They saw the body of the younger girl in bed, and thinking she had slept through the tragedy, did not discover at once that she was dead.

The older girl recently suffered a nervous breakdown, members of the family were quoted by Randolph as saying, and had returned from her position she had held at Houtou, Texas. Members of the family said Christine regarded her youngest sister as her "favorite."

Cherry Will Probably Be Finance Man

Gaston Man Looms as Choice for Important Chairmanship in House

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Raleigh, Dec. 27.—While there has been some speculation to the effect that Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, might become a "dark horse" candidate for speaker, in case a deadlock should develop between Representatives Robert Grady Johnson, of Pender, Laurie McCachern, of Hoke and Willie Lee Lumpkin, of Franklin, the three present candi-

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