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TWO MASKED ROBBERS HOLD UP A FAST TRAIN

A Lively Fight Between Passengers and Bandits This Morning

CITY MARSHAL GETS A DANGEROUS WOUND

Smithboro, Ill., on Pennsylvania Railroad, Scene of Desperate Battle, in Which Bandits Are Worst-Ed—Passengers Were Game and Led by the City Marshal, Offered Substantial Resistance—One Robber Shot Through Leg and Other Fled, But Was Captured—Both Now in Jail—Details of the Affair.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Greenville, Ill., Dec. 27.—A west-bound Pennsylvania train was held up by two masked robbers at Smithboro, a few miles east of here, on the Vandalla division early today, and after a desperate battle both men were captured and brought here, where they are now in jail.

The bandits opened fire when resistance was offered, as they brought the train to a halt just beyond the Smithboro station, but their fire was returned, and when the last of the sixteen shots had been exchanged one of the robbers was picked up with five bullets in his body. He will probably die.

City Marshal Emory Brown, of Sorrento, Ill., led the passengers in the fight with the two bandits, and he was badly wounded. One of the robbers' bullets passed through his body. He was brought here and placed in the city hospital. It is not thought that he is fatally hurt.

The train was going about thirty miles an hour and had started to slow down in passing through Smithboro, when the two bandits, with revolvers drawn, turned the signal. The engineer jammed on his brakes and as he slowed up the bandits bade him throw up his hands. He stopped the train altogether and was then ordered to quit the cab with the fireman.

The two bandits ran to the rear of the train, intending to go through it, from end to end, but by this time a number of the passengers were awake and out of their berths. City Marshal Brown was standing on the rear platform trying to see what was the matter.

As the bandits caught sight of him they ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead, he whipped out his revolver and opened fire. One of the bandits dropped with a bullet through his leg. But he continued to fire. By this time a number of passengers had joined Marshal Brown on the rear platform, and they accompanied Brown in a sally in the teeth of further fire from the bandits.

The un wounded robber took to his heels, firing over his shoulder as he saw the sally from the train, but he was captured a few yards further on, after he had put up a desperate struggle. The other bandit was wounded five times before he ceased firing his revolver.

The two robbers were carried on the train, the one robber not wounded being bound to a seat in the smoker. Then the engineer and his fireman got back into the cab and the train was rushed to Greenville.

Investigation after the train left disclosed the fact that the two bandits had broken into the Smithboro station and taken everything they could find before the train arrived. It is not known how much they secured, but it is supposed the booty was left somewhere in the woods near the tracks, and search is now being made for it.

W. J. BRYAN IS KILLING DUCKS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Wallisville, Tex., Dec. 27.—William J. Bryan bagged his full day's limit of twenty-five ducks in a few hours yesterday at Lake Surprise, Governor Campbell made a poor record.

The Bryan party are making a trip after bear in the cane-brakes adjacent to the lake today.

TWO ARE HELD WITHOUT BAIL

New York Men for Murder of Pretty Girl

FOUGHT HARD FOR LIFE

Theory of Police That Young Woman Was Strangled or Poisoned—Shown by Autopsy Today—Lured Away by Trusted Friend, Think Police.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 27.—Frederick Kirkman and Arthur Thompson, arrested in Harrison, N. J., after the finding there of the nude body of a handsome young woman, in a pond near the Passaic River, were held without bail by Magistrate Brannigan in the Harrison police court today.

Both men were remanded to the custody of the police and locked up at police headquarters. In the examination of Kirkman an admission was extorted from him that he had once lived in Brooklyn, which he denied yesterday when questioned by the police.

That the girl fought desperately to save her life on the dread darkness of Christmas night was made further evident today by the finding of the skirt of the red broadcloth tailored suit which she wore before her death.

An autopsy in the morgue at Harrison on the body of the young woman victim, confirmed the theory of the police that she was the victim of a poisoner or strangler and that she was dead when her nude body was thrown into the pond from which it was taken yesterday.

County Physician James Conners performed the autopsy, assisted by Dr. Ailers. They found no external indications of serious injuries and have arranged for chemical tests of internal organs.

That the girl was lured by a trusted friend to the place where she met death is the theory of the police. They may have been within a short distance of the spot where she was found or a more distant place.

Mysterious—Police Mystified. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 27.—The nude body of the strikingly handsome and apparently refined young woman found in a water-filled depression in the ash dumps of Harrison, N. J., along the banks of the Passaic River, has set the New Jersey police to work on the mystery.

The body has not been identified and there is no substantial clue. The theory is advanced that the girl died while under the effects of drugs. The police believed her senses were deliberately numbed and she was made the victim of a debauch on board one of the many yachts anchored nearby, and that, being from an overdose of "knockout drops," her naked body was carried to the ash dump.

"The autopsy, which will be performed today, will definitely establish the cause of death.

That the murdered woman came from Brooklyn is evident, as at least part of her clothing was purchased from (Continued on Page Seven.)

COMER GIVES HIM 15 DAYS

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 27.—Henry Taxton, colored, was about to be hanged in the jail yard at 11 o'clock this morning when a reprieve from the governor, giving him fifteen days more of life, arrived. Taxton was on the scaffold and the deputy was fitting the noose to his neck. The black cap had been adjusted when suddenly a message arrived with a telegram saying:

"I reprieve Henry Taxton for fifteen days." (Signed) "JOHN B. COMER, Governor."

The negro was delighted. He was condemned for the murder of Sheriff Henry Hunstucker.

DEATH ENDS HER STRANGE SLEEP

Unusual Condition of Young New York Girl

PUZZLE TO SCIENTISTS

Miss Edith Wardrop, While Watching a Fire Engine, Swoons and Never Regains Consciousness—In State of Coma for 180 Hours—End Came Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 27.—The long strange sleep of Miss Edith Wardrop, heiress and ward of W. E. Goldman, of No. 255 Willis Avenue, ended in death at 5 o'clock this morning in the Lincoln Hospital. To the last the coma which remained unbroken for more than 180 hours baffled the ablest alienists and scientists in New York.

Miss Wardrop was sixteen years old and an unusually pretty and intelligent girl. This morning last week while watching a fire engine to be she was stricken at the home of her friend, Miss Adeline Linsche, a girl about her own age.

The two girls were seated in the parlor when the fire bolts rumbled. Miss Linsche rushed to the window and called her companion.

"Come, quick, Edith and look at the fire horses," she exclaimed.

She looked around and found Miss Wardrop motionless in a chair.

They thought at first she was in a swoon but she could not be revived. The family physician could not arouse her and finally advised removing her to the hospital, where she was taken there and placed in a private ward, where all the prominent physicians and specialists in New York, with few exceptions, had been to see her during the week of her strange trances. There was no sign of pain. Miss Wardrop was given nourishment through a tube and had not lost weight.

Her color was good and her breathing as regular as if she were asleep. All the authorities were advised as to her ailment but none could give it an appropriate name.

Yesterday efforts were doubled to arouse her, but to no purpose. Last night it became apparent she was sinking.

It was learned today that Miss Wardrop's short time before she became ill, fell from a sleigh and it is regarded as possible the only explanation of her coma that she at that time sustained a rupture of a blood vessel.

PRES. AND FAMILY NOW AT PINE KNOT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 27.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Kermit, Archie, and Quentin Roosevelt, accompanied by Miss Capron, sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, and by Surgeon-General Hoxby and Joseph Williams, arrived late yesterday afternoon at Pine Knot, which the president has made famous by his Thanksgiving day and year-end visits.

The trip of ten miles was made over roads almost hazy with mud in places.

Descending from the train here the president greeted the crowd at the station, saying:

"How do you do, gentlemen? I am very glad to be back here again. The first season has closed, which is not a hardship as the president has never attempted quail shooting here. The turkey season is still open, however, and the president is expected to make a raid on the turkey runs in Green Mountain during his vacation.

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Even this vigorous protest against the president's contemplated action did not move him and he directed that the orders necessary to the execution of the plan be prepared. This, in due time, was done, but when they reached Brownson for his signature he declined to attach his name to them. Realizing what his refusal signified, he transmitted his resignation to the president.

A Bronze Bust of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, Recently Completed.



Here is "Fighting Bob" Evans, commander of the battleship fleet now on its way to the Pacific ocean, as he is in a bronze, the bust, recently completed, brings out the strong features of the Admiral.

DETAILS ARE LEAKING OUT BIG ROBBERY IN NEW YORK TODAY

Some More About Resignation of Brownson

RAN COUNTER TO PRES. SEVEN THOUSAND IN ALL

Mr. Roosevelt, It is Said, Wanted to Place Surgeon Charles F. Stokes in Command of Relief, Who Brownson Informed Him the Job Was Illegal—Would Not Sign Name and Resigned.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 27.—It is in the details of the interview which Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of investigation, had with the president a few days ago which precipitated his resignation, it is believed, that the president is sticking out to the public.

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REAR ADMIRAL BROWNSON DISROBED OF HONORS. Washington, Dec. 27.—"Rear Admiral Brownson has been relieved of his rank and honors." (Continued on Page Seven.)

A CRASH OF TRAINS CAUSES FIRE-DEATH

BANKS HAD A VERY GOOD DAY

No Rush in New York to Withdraw Money

ONLY SMALL AMOUNTS

Those Who Withdraw Money, Think Officials, Were Moved by Immediate Needs and Not by Distrust—Bank Presidents Are Optimistic.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 27.—The notices of withdrawal given by the depositors of the savings banks of the city when the six-day chase was put into effect during the financial flurry in October began to expire yesterday and the experience of the banks in meeting them was very favorable. Comparatively small amounts were withdrawn. The banks had made preparations to pay out the sums called for by the notices. In a few cases persons called for their money and the officials of the banks of the various banks who had those who took out their money were forced by immediate needs and not by distrust.

The president of one of the leading banks said last night that his bank was fully prepared to pay out the depositors whenever the notices became due, but that within the last few days the withdrawals had been very much smaller than expected.

President Mills, of the Drydock Bank, said he agreed with Mr. Sprague that the fear of the people has practically all been allayed. All large savings banks, which had received notices of calls for \$300,000, paid out less than \$100,000 yesterday.

At the Greenwich Savings Bank the notices were in the neighborhood of \$550,000, and \$245,000 of this has already been disposed of, a large number of the depositors who gave the notices signifying their intention of leaving the money in the bank.

At the Bowery Savings Bank preparations were made yesterday to pay out \$200,000, but few depositors appeared to take up their notices.

The deposits during the day at the bank were over \$50,000.

READY TO LEAVE PORT OF SPAIN

(By Cable to The Times.) Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 27.—The steamer Yankton, of the division auxiliary to Admiral Evans' armada, sailed for Rio Janeiro today ahead of the main fleet.

Coaling was also finished today, leaving little for the bluenoses to do aboard ship during the rest of the day here, and a large portion of the men were given shore leave for the afternoon.

The steamer Marcellus has sailed for the Leeward Islands navy yard. The fleet is to steam southwest tomorrow.

Offshoots ashore is making the admiral's visit the social event of the year. Many dinners will be given in honor of the Americans tonight, after which goodbyes will be said in anticipation of tomorrow's departure.

COWBOY WEDDING IN WASHINGTON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 27.—A typical western "cowboy" wedding was celebrated in the parlors of the Stratford Hotel last night.

The contracting parties were Richard Welles and Miss Julia McPherson, both of South Valley, Cal. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Johnston, also of Death Valley. The members of the bridal party wore the regulation "cowboy" leather clothing.

"We ran away from home, me, Julie, and the sky pilot, because her folks said she was too young," said Welles. "Guess she knows what she wants."

Three Persons Killed, Five Fatally and Eighteen Injured

WRECK CAME EARLY TODAY ON PENN. R. R.

Heavy Fog Hung Over Track, Obscuring View of Engineer, Who Drove Great Engine of Flyer Into Rear Car, Throwing it in the Air, Crushing Timbers and Ploughing Through—Wrecked Cars Caught Fire and Fire Department Responded—Awful Scene at Camden. Graphic Picture of Horrible Casualty.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.—Three persons were killed, five fatally injured and eighteen badly injured in a rear-end collision between the Camden accommodation and the Atlantic City Express trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad at this place this morning. Several of the injured are still pinned in the wreck and rescuers are making frantic efforts to liberate them.

The cars took fire after the wreck and as the blaze crept near the imprisoned passengers they cried piteously to be liberated.

The fire department was summoned to the scene and played streams of water on the burning cars.

In this manner the flames were prevented from reaching the passengers caught beneath twisted iron, shattered timbers and wrecked car seats.

A great crowd quickly gathered and many willing hands were quickly at work of rescue. The dead were carried out and laid at the side of the track.

Amulances were soon on the scene, with surgeons from all the hospitals. The injured were given temporary attention by the side of the burning wreck and were hurried to the hospitals.

Many of the passengers, in panic, ran through the crowds, crying the names of friends and relatives.

One woman sought her brother and her cries were pitiful. It was later learned he was among the injured.

Several of the bodies taken from the wreck were terribly mutilated, and, through having been bathed in escaping steam from the battered locomotives, were beyond recognition.

Burning coals from the firebox of the locomotives were thrown directly into the telescoped car and the splintered woodwork quickly caught fire. Cries of fright and pain could be heard for several blocks.

Those who escaped with bruises fought to get out of the wreck, but when liberated they turned their attention to helping the less fortunate passengers.

Women tore their skirts for bandages.

A heavy fog which hung over Jersey is fairly responsible for the wreck. The engine of the flyer could not see very far ahead and when the train in front loomed into view it was too late to stop. The great engine leaped into the rear car, threw it in the air, crushed the timbers like match sticks and ploughed on through to the next car.

The only one of the dead identified thus far is Theodore Webster of Merchantsville, N. J. He is the senior member of the firm of Webster Brothers of Camden.

The dead in the wreck are: SONTGEN, C. T., Stanwick, N. J.; GABANIER, M. Holly, N. J.; WEBSTER, THOMAS L., Merchantsville, N. J.

The injured are: Robert Clark, of Merchantsville, general contusions; W. Burnett Stuart, Merchantsville, leg broken; William H. Mason, Mt. Holly, bruised leg; Paul Smith, Merchantsville, contusions; J. H. Mendenhall, Lambertson, N. J., dislocated hip and broken arm; W. C. Dix, Merchantsville, struck by flying timber; Robert Pierce, Merchantsville, badly injured; C. H. Brown, Moorestown, slight injuries; W. K. Abbey, Moorestown, slight injuries; Samuel Dobbin, Mt. Holly, slight injuries; A. H. Mulford, Merchantsville, badly injured; H. B. Cooper, Mt. Holly, leg and back injured; J. D. Roberts, Moorestown, slight injuries; S. M. Page, Moorestown, both legs broken; John Steater, Merchantsville.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of the president, who had been at the White House for two weeks past, where she went to undergo an operation for appendicitis, has again taken possession of her home in I street.