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ROBBERS GET LOOT FROM PASSENGERS

Overland Limited, One of Finest Passenger Trains in the Country Robbed

THE PORTER SHOT

Masked Bandits Signal Train and Climb Aboard, Driving Train Crew to the Rear—Parties Who Interfere Are Shot—Bandits Go Through Passengers, Getting Cash and Jewelry—Bandits Collect Their Booty and Disappear in the Darkness While Passengers Rush to the Scene.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—Posses carried by special train and automobiles are hunting today for two bandits who held up Overland Limited train No. 1 on the Southern Pacific at 11:50 o'clock last night nine miles from this city, shot the porter and looted the passengers of a large amount of money and jewelry.

The bandits, who were masked and heavily armed, signaled the train near Reese Station with a lighted fuse. One man climbed into the cab and pushed a revolver into the face of the engineer. Both the engineer and fireman were ordered from the cab and obeyed.

The trainmen were ordered to the rear of the train, while the bandits entered the sleeping cars. As they were clambering upon the vestibule steps two porters appeared. "You men keep off this train," cried one of the porters.

The men paid no attention to this command but climbed to the platform. The porters, who could not see distinctly in the darkness, tried to push the men down the steps. The robbers fired several shots and both porters fell.

The passengers, aroused from their sleep by the fusillade of shots, crowded forward. The bandits ordered them back.

Women screamed and became hysterical and men were covered by the menacing guns in the hands of the men. One bandit, with a huge revolver in each hand, stood at the end of a car while the other went through the passengers, dumping jewelry and money into a gunny sack.

Shortly after midnight Conductor Cunningham made his escape and ran all the way to the nearest station, where word was flashed to Ogden that the Overland, the most celebrated train on the Union Pacific, had been held up.

The bandits, after collecting their booty, warned the train crew not to follow them and disappeared into the darkness.

A half an hour after the holdup two daughters of James Waymont, of Warren, nearby, were held up by two men who are suspected of being the two robbers who held up the Overland Limited. The girls were so frightened and the night was so dark that the young women could not give a definite description of the men. However, they declared that one was short and the other tall. Passengers on the train declared that this description of the men tally with those that held up the Overland.

One male passenger who offered resistance when the bandits were searching the train was so badly beaten over the head with the butt end of a heavy calibre revolver that he is in a serious condition.

The authorities believe that the men had a vehicle drawn by two feet horses in waiting nearby. From clues picked up during the early morning it was surmised that the men flew towards Hot Springs, Utah, and one section of the posse trailed them in that direction.

A special train carrying twenty-five men heavily armed was rushed from Ogden at 2 o'clock this morning. Three other posses went to the scene of the hold-up from Hot Springs in automobiles.

It is not yet definitely known just how much the robbers secured, but it is believed they got between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in cash and jewelry.



E. M. KOONCE.
Candidate For Speaker of the House of Representatives.

REBELS CAPTURE HONDURAN CITY

(By Cable to The Times.)
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Jan. 3.—The city of Puerto Cortez, on the Atlantic coast is reported to have been captured by the revolutionists headed by ex-President Bonilla, following a battle between the Tatumbla, of the Honduran navy, and the filibuster Hornet. Fighting is still said to be going on, but the loss of life thus far has been small, according to the reports.

WITH SMILE ON HIS LIPS.

Condemned Man Went to the Electric Chair.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 3.—With a smile on his lips Samuel Austin, a former soldier in the United States army, paid the penalty for wife murder with his life in the electric chair at Sing Sing today. Austin is said to be the coolest man that has ever been electrocuted in Sing Sing. He was convicted for the murder of his wife, Irene, at White Plains, last year.

There was no hesitancy on Austin's part as he walked into the death room. His bearing was erect and military, and as he took his seat in the chair of death he smiled broadly. Owing to the peculiar shape of Austin's head the electric cap did not fit snugly, and when the current was turned on the sickening odor of burning hair filled the room and a tongue of flame played about the doomed man's head, but he made no outcry. Two shocks were administered. The execution took place at 6 a. m.

Earthquake Shock.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 3.—An earthquake that occurred yesterday afternoon between 4:53 and 5:15 was felt in New York, according to the records found on the seismograph at Fordham University today. The shock was thousands of miles away and the vibration east and west.

Big Fire at Little Rock.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 3.—Fire at Little Rock, Ark., today did \$2,000,000 damage. A whole block in the business section was destroyed. The block was on Main street, between Sixth and Seventh streets. The fire was started by a gas jet in the Holtenburg music store.

Snow and Sleet in Alabama.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Huntsville, Ala., Jan. 3.—A blanket of snow and sleet an inch deep covers the northern portion of Alabama today.

GYPSIES ARE STILL HAVING TROUBLE

(Special to The Times.)
Wadesboro, N. C., Jan. 3.—The Gypsies are still having trouble getting their liberty. In the habeas corpus proceedings Judge W. J. Adams, set the bonds of the men who were charged with assault and battery at \$200 each and taxed the cost of the proceedings against the Mitchell clan.
Mitchell gave his bond in the sum of \$2,000 in the assault case and was released. This morning the bonds for the other men who tenders to the sheriff and that officer refused to release the men on the ground that the costs had not been paid. Mitchell refuses to pay the costs amounting to \$125 and the men are still in jail.

THE CAUCUS TONIGHT

Warm Fights Are In Store For Tonight's Meeting

The Speakership is the Main Topic Before the Law-makers—Leading Candidates Are W. C. Dowd, E. M. Koonce, and R. H. Battle—Z. V. Turlington Has Withdrawn From the Race—Numerous Candidates For Different Positions.

Tomorrow at 11 o'clock another session of the general assembly begins its business. To those who think it will be a do-nothing session another thought is theirs. It will be one of the most important sessions held within the past ten years. Numerous bills of state-wide importance are coming, bills that will require mature thought before passing, bills that will affect thousands of people very materially.

In looking over the roster of this session of the general assembly are found names of some of the state's most prominent lawyers, farmers, and other professions. In the house of representatives are to be found such leaders as F. P. Hohgood, Greensboro; H. M. London, Pittsboro; H. N. Place, Charlotte; Z. V. Long, Statesville; R. A. Doughton, Sparta; J. P. Spaulding, Morganton; W. S. Priddy, Edenton; Zeb. V. Turlington, Mooresville; Ashley Horne, Clayton; W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville; R. H. Battle, Raleigh.

In the senate will be found among the leaders such men as A. P. Kirshin, Scotland Neck; T. T. Thorne, Rocky Mount; George H. Bellamy, Ed Paso; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; A. A. Hicks, Oxford; Ben T. Holden, Louisburg. Besides these are a number of leading men of North Carolina.

Among the republicans are found Judge Starbuck, Judge Ewart, C. E. Taylor, and B. H. Crumpler.

Caucus Tonight.
Tonight the caucus of the two parties will be held. All day long today it has been a hub-bub and shaking of political hands, button-holing, whispering, at the Yarrowborough House, the long recognized meeting place of candidates and lobbyists. The hotel lobby is crowded. Nearly every representative or senator approached is furthering the cause of his candidate. The words are full of names of men "who are in the hands of their friends" to use the politicians absolute phrase. All kinds of candidates and measures are being discussed. The main topic, however, being discussed by the many groups of men is the speakership fight. Will Dowd win? Will Battle win? or who will be our next speaker. The tremendous democratic majority, of course, assures the democratic nominee at tonight's caucus of election. The nomination for speaker at the hands of the republican party only means he will be floor leader of the minority.

The principal speakership fight, up to this afternoon, has settled down between W. C. Dowd, Charlotte; R. A. Doughton, Sparta; R. H. Battle, Raleigh, and E. M. Koonce, Jacksonville. Rumors have been floating around all day regarding the fight. Mr. Zeb. V. Turlington has withdrawn from the race. Mr. Doughton, who is one of the state's ablest men, is not an avowed candidate. He will accept the honor if given to him, but he does not desire it enough to make a great fight for it. After mingling through the Yarrowborough lobby and talking with various members of the house, it was learned from several members that the name of Hon. Richard H. Battle, of Raleigh would not be presented. This is not authoritative, but only the opinion of several representatives. That would leave the field wide open to Dowd and Koonce, and it is freely predicted that only one ballot will be taken. Every representative, practically, has an idea of his own regarding the fight. One went so far as to say that tonight when the time comes to nominate, only the name of W. C. Dowd will be presented. It is now, at 4:00 o'clock, practically a foregone conclusion that Mr. Dowd will be the next speaker of the house of representatives. Mr. Dowd would make an ideal presiding officer, no one denies, but on the other hand no one can foretell which way a political wind is going to blow. By night it may change entirely around, and a dark horse brought out. While it is not being talked for, it is not now expected, one may be brought. Mr. Dowd's friends are active and not losing one moment's time to further the candidacy of their man.

The deals that were being rumored this morning to defeat Mr. Dowd seem to have dwindled away, and



W. C. DOWD.
Candidate For Speaker of the House of Representatives.

this afternoon it seems easy sailing for the Mecklenburg man.

Republican Leaders.
The democrats, though greatly outnumbering the republicans, are as yet a little shabby about who will be the minority leader. After continuing hitherto forward of several names it seems certain at this hour that Judge H. C. Ewart will be the minority leader in the house, while Judge H. A. Starbuck will be the leader in the senate. Both are able leaders and considered among the state's strongest republican spokesmen. Both men have been on the superior court bench and are recognized leaders in the republican party. The democrats have been guessing all day who they will have to fight in the many battles that will come before the coming session of the general assembly.

Other Candidates.
After settling the speakership fight, then the party has a number of other offices to fill and numerous candidates are besieging the members. Almost every other man you meet pushes a card at you reading "Candidate for...". There are several clerical positions to be filled, and almost every man has from two to five candidates. The most prominent clerical offices are the principal clerk, engrossing clerk, and reading clerk of each branch of the assembly. Pleas are on for each of them. Mr. W. E. Brock, who was secretary of the state executive committee during the last campaign is out for principal clerk in the senate. Mr. W. E. Hooks, who served last session, as engrossing clerk in the senate, is again a candidate for the same position, and will, in all probability, be again chosen.

Confederate Soldiers.
Among the rush and push of the members are seen many Confederate soldiers, asking for such positions as doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms. There are quite a number, and in all probability these officers will be filled by one out of the ranks that is so fast fading away. Only a few more legislatures will have the opportunity to elect one of the old veterans.

The various candidates who have announced themselves is as follows:

For Speaker—W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg; E. M. Koonce, of Onslow; R. H. Battle, of Wake; R. A. Doughton, of Allegheny.
For Principal Clerk—T. G. Cobb, of Burke.
For Reading Clerk—F. B. Arndell, of Wake; D. Scott Poole, of Cumberland.
For Engrossing Clerk—M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood; G. Ellis Gardner, of Vance.
For Sergeant-at-Arms—George C. Fisher, of Robeson; D. H. James, of Halifax.

Those holding positions two years ago and candidates for re-election, are:
In the senate: For reading clerk, Mark Squires, of Caldwell; engrossing clerk, W. E. Hooks, of Wayne; sergeant-at-arms, R. M. Staley, of Halifax.
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VESSEL ASHORE OFF MASSACHUSETTS COAST

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Woodshole, Mass., Jan. 3.—The revenue cutter Acushnet and the Cuttyhunk life saving crew were dispatched today to the rescue of a steamer aground on Pasque Island, one of the Elizabeth group. The vessel went ashore late yesterday, but the life savers were unable to locate her because of the heavy fog. Distress signals were sent up by the vessel at frequent intervals throughout the night.

OBJECT TO VACCINATION

Durham Citizens Petition Against Vaccination Law

Board of Aldermen Asked to Over-ride School Board's But Can't Do It—The Greenberg Case—Other News.

(Special to The Times.)
Durham, N. C., Jan. 3.—At the meeting of the Board of City Aldermen last night, a petition signed by a number of the patrons of the city schools was presented to the board, asking that the aldermen declare void the recent law of the school board compelling the children to be vaccinated before they will be allowed to enter school after Christmas.

The matter was debated at length and on the roll call for votes, four of the aldermen voted for the petition. Alderman Paul Graham called attention to the fact that the law under which the school board acted was a state one and the city board had no authority over it. This last the petition. The prayer for abolition from the vaccination law was a lengthy affair, setting forth the evils of the presentative and asserting that the small pox situation was not serious enough for the enforcement of the law.

During the waning of the holiday season the health department has been overrun by the children and others, who asked to be vaccinated. The department is also coming in for its part of the cussing. This morning Officer Mann was held up on the street by an irate parent, who wanted the health officer to come to his home and treat his child, who has been made quite ill by vaccination. When Dr. Mann told the man that it was impossible for him to attend to the child at the home, the man was mad indeed and heaped imprecations on the long suffering officer.

So far there is little change in the snail-pox situation here. New cases break out among the negroes, and in one section of the city, which is inhabited by negroes, the yellow quarantine sign is posted on almost every other house.

The other work of the Board of Aldermen was wholly of a routine nature, little business of interest, local or otherwise, being disposed of.

The case of state against Arthur Greenburg was again continued this morning, owing to the illness of Miss Williams, one of the witnesses for the defense. It had been fully expected that the trial would be carried out this morning and the court house was again crowded to the doors. A rather amusing situation developed while Mr. V. S. Bryant was making the argument for the continuance. He had stated to the court that Miss Williams was too ill to come out into the weather, and wanted the case continued till Saturday. Judge Manning, who was appearing for the insurance companies, said that tomorrow would be ample time for the continuance, and just at this juncture Miss Williams came into the court room. A ripple of laughter went over the house at the apparent disfigurement of the attorneys for the defense. However, Miss Williams stated that she was ill and had rather have the case continued till tomorrow. The recorder granted the request and the case was set for Wednesday at 10 o'clock.

The state has summoned twenty-seven witnesses and the case will be a hotly contested one. City Attorney Chambers will be assisted in the prosecution of the Hebrew merchant by the new law firm, Manning & Everett, while the interest of the defense will be looked after by Attorney R. P. Reade and Bryant & Braggden.

While little of the evidence that will be brought out is known to the public, the general feeling here seems to be that the flame is a case of "A Jew and a fire."

William Stuart, a negro working at one of the wood yards of the city, was perhaps fatally hurt yesterday. The man was sawing wood and the wood got from under his control. The man fell on the saw and was horribly mangled. He was living this morning but there seems not the slightest chance for his recovery.

Alabama Peonage Case.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—The United States supreme court today reversed the verdict of the Alabama courts in the peonage case of Alonzo Bailey, convicted of violating contract labor laws of the state. The case is remanded for retrial.



W. E. HOOKS.
Candidate For Engrossing Clerk of the Senate.

STOCK BROKERS PAY FINES IN COURT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—Six New York stock brokers caught in the dragnet raids of the department of justice last April, came before Justice Wright of the district supreme court today, acknowledged their technical guilt, in conducting fast wire services, and paid fines aggregating \$83,100.

Three of them, Richard E. Presser, Leo Mayer, and George Turner, all well known in the world of speculation, were sentenced, in addition to a fine of \$2,500, which was imposed on each of them, to serve two years imprisonment. The prison term, however, was remanded as long as they are not identified with any stock transaction which comes within the pale of the law.

The three other men who paid fines of \$200 each are Edward S. George, D. J. Robinson, and Harry Brown.

The men were indicted in the first batch of bucket shop operators held for trial prior to the simultaneous raids which included offices in New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and St. Louis.

They were declared to be correspondents of the E. E. Taylor Company of this city, whose offices were also raided by the department of justice officials last April.

Woman Brutally Assaulted.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 3.—Miss Anna Freeman was brutally assaulted at her home last night, her skull being crushed. She died early this morning. Her husband is held for the murder and also for attempting the life of Henry Graham who lost his throat and died.

Big Earthquake Coming.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Mobile, Ala., Jan. 3.—Prof. C. T. Johnson today issued a warning of a great seismic upheaval which he declares is certain to come in the near future. He bases his belief on the almost constant trembling of the soil, which he declares, is inevitable. The tremors range from north to south. From the record it is believed the center of disturbance is two miles south.

Ten Injured in Wreck.
(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Clinton, Ill., Jan. 3.—Ten passengers on the Illinois Central's "Diamond Special" bound from St. Louis to Chicago, were injured in a wreck near here today when the passenger train collided with a freight. One of the Pullman sleepers was derailed and partly wrecked. The injured were all in this car.

NEW JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Washington, Jan. 3.—Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia, and Willis Van Devanter, of Wyoming, were sworn in as associate justices of the United States supreme court today. The court room was crowded with friends of the new justices, among them Mrs. Taft and Vice-president Sherman. Chief Justice White and Clerk McKenny administered the oaths.

The swearing in of the justices assures a full bench for the hearing of the tobacco trust and Standard Oil cases, which probably will begin next week.

A DESPERATE BATTLE WITH ANARCHISTS

Police and Company of Soldiers Battle For Hours With Gang of Anarchists

SEVERAL MEN WOUNDED

Police Attempt to Capture Gang and Are Fired On—Battle Then Begins—Police Get Reinforcements and Still Being Unable to Rout the Men Call Out a Company of Troops and the Fire Engines—Several Policemen Injured—Some of the Great Crowd of Spectators Also Hurt by Flying Bullets.

(By Cable to The Times.)
London, Jan. 3.—Six Anarchists were killed and a score of police, soldiers of the Scots Guard, and spectators were wounded in a desperate battle between a band of anarchists besieged in a house in Sidney street, East-end, and nearly 1,200 soldiers and police today. The battle raged over eight hours and was watched by more than half a million people. It was the most spectacular conflict in a century's history of London.

The anarchists knew it was a hopeless fight, but they laughed and cursed as they poured volleys into the ranks of their besiegers, and kept the struggle up for eight hours.

The men frantically tried to set on fire themselves, evidently with a hope of escaping under cover of the smoke. In desperation they fought on until the fire reached their ammunition which exploded leaving them defenseless. They disappeared one by one from the roof where they had been driven by the flames.

The fire department was called out after dozens of volleys had been sent into the building. The firemen were told to train leads of hose at the den and try to drown the anarchists out. It had no effect. After this it was decided to set fire to the place. This failed, but subsequently the anarchists themselves fired the building.

Straw saturated with kerosene was thrown around and a torch applied to it. Flames soon enveloped the structure. The anarchists were unable to escape and fought to the end. When firemen finally got into the ruins they found six bodies lying close together.

During the battle thousands of shots were fired. In the midst of the struggle Home Secretary Winston Churchill appeared. He led the besiegers right up toward the house and went to the very door, while scores of shots were aimed at him. It was in vain that the police tried to persuade Churchill to get out of harm's way. He told them to attend to the crowd.

Scotland Yard officials declared that the fatal battle had frustrated a great international plot to murder the royalty which will gather for King George's coronation in June. The building where the men perished was the headquarters of the band. Two of the most famous anarchist known—"Peter the Painter" and "Dutch Fritz" were among those in the house and the police declare that they perished with the others.

Today's battle was a bloody sequel to the shooting affray in Hounsditch on December 17 when two policemen were killed and three others wounded, and the subsequent raid upon an anarchist club which revealed that the men killed today were formulating a great international plot of death.

The police declare that the anarchists in the battering house had been manufacturing bombs to be used in their criminal raid and plot to exterminate royalty at the coming coronation.

The battle broke out at 6:45 o'clock this morning and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the bodies of six dead anarchists were recovered. Five minutes later the roof of the building collapsed. It seemed impossible that anyone could be alive within but the police and soldiers waited with revolvers and rifles ready to kill any anarchist that might attempt to escape.

At that time it was believed that there were other anarchists dead within the new building.

A roll call of the firemen after the battle showed that nine were missing. The coroners reported that two had been shot dead as they entered the building and seven had been injured by collapsing walls.

Detectives of Scotland Yard declare that the anarchists committed suicide, asserting that when the flames had completely cut them off from escape, shots were heard within the building. This occurred shortly before the firemen found six bodies. The troops were (Continued on Page Two.)