

LONE BANDIT ROBS SEABOARD TRAIN

WHITE MAN HOLDS UP EXPRESS MESSENGER AND MAKES ESCAPE.

PASSENGERS NOT MOLESTED

Florida-Cuba Special of the Seaboard Held Up for the Third Time in Two Years.

Columbia, S. C.—An unknown white man, pistol in hand, entered the express car of the northbound Florida-Cuba Special of the Seaboard Air Line from Tampa to New York, as the train was leaving Columbia, compelled the express messenger to open the safe, and after taking from it a package, said to be of slight value, jumped off as the train slowed up for a crossing in the northern limits of the city.

After the crew had instructed the crossing watchman to communicate with the Columbia police, the train proceeded on its way. Neither passengers nor mail clerks were molested. Officials of the express company were unable to estimate the value of the packages secured by the robber. They say they are unable to state where the stolen package was put on, and will not know until later how much money it contained.

The robbery is the third of its nature in Columbia within the past two years. In each case the hold-ups have been made by one man. No arrests have been made in the other cases.

STUDENTS ENGAGE IN RIOT

Newspaper Correspondent Assaulted at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Raleigh, N. C.—Threatened by a crowd of students of the University of North Carolina, in the lobby of the postoffice at Chapel Hill, S. R. Winters, correspondent of the News and Observer, at that place, was struck by one of them because of the publication of an account of gambling by students at the state university in a morning newspaper.

A party of eleven, including students and citizens of Chapel Hill, were bound over to the court on the charge of plotting "craps," and the report gave their names. This caused the attack on him, the evidence being that only the intervention of students and a hurried call for the police kept the crowd from beating up Winters.

The faculty of the university and the authorities of Chapel Hill are on a campaign to break up gambling at the university and in the town. The chief of police of Chapel Hill, in a statement, says that with what evidence is in hand he will be able to round up the ring leaders in gambling in the university.

Champion Father of German.

Berlin.—Ferdinand Eglinski, aged 53, a tailor of Ahlbeck, is Germany's champion father. The Tageblatt, which publishes his story, says that of his successive marriages with two sisters, thirty-five children were born, 26 of whom are living—19 boys and 7 girls. The tailor married at the age of 20. His first wife, who died in 1907, bore him twenty-four children. In 1908 he married his deceased wife's sister, who has born him eleven children in the last six years. Triplets came on one occasion and twins were born twice. When his sixth son entered the army in 1913 Eglinski received a private audience with the kaiser, who ordered him entertained in Berlin at his majesty's expense for a week. Eglinski has become a celebrity and adds to his income as a tailor by post cards of himself.

Proposed Marriage From Tree Top.

Savannah, Ga.—Before a sympathetic audience of several hundred people, Frank M. Register of 2425 Barnard street, climbed a tree in Colonial park, back of the jail, proposed to Miss Zeta Metlock, who is being detained by the police, was accepted and the two fixed the date for the wedding. Miss Metlock is being held at the police station under no charges, but in order that she may be taken care of until she can be restored to her parents.

Railroad Men Threaten Strike.

Rome, Italy.—Italy faces another general strike. Eighty thousand railway employees are claiming for an amelioration of their conditions of employment, which would represent an increase of \$10,000,000 in the state budget. The employees held several meetings. The most important one was at Ancona, a great railway center, where it was decided that if the government refused to give a satisfactory answer to the demands of the men a general railway strike would be proclaimed April 15.

WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS



Mr. Williams is a representative-at-large in congress from Illinois. He went to school at Illinois college with W. J. Bryan and has been a Bryan man ever since.

ENGLISH THRONE SKAKEN

PARLIAMENT SEETHING CALDRON OVER ALLEGED ALLIANCE OF KING.

Unless Premier Asquith Satisfactorily Explains He Will Face Danger of Liberal Rebellion.

London.—Westminster continues to be a seething caldron over what the Liberals now denounce as the "mutiny of the army aristocrats" against democratic government. The fact has been established from all obtainable evidence that Gen. Hubert Gough and the other officers of the Third cavalry brigade demanded and obtained written assurances that they would not be ordered to fight Sir Edward Carson's Ulster volunteers, and that these assurances were obtained largely through the personal intervention of the king.

The throne, which traditionally has kept out of party controversies, is involved in the discussion as it never before has been during King George's reign or that of his diplomatic father. The section of the Liberals who opposed what they denounce as a surrender to the military oligarchy are criticizing the king with the greatest freedom. They resent his action in summoning to the palace Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who, in his speeches, advised the officers that they might properly refuse service in suppressing the Ulster irreconcilables. They criticize his majesty for dealing personally with Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of the general staff.

ALASKA COAL LANDS OPEN

Under Leasing Plan Lands Agreed Upon by Senate.

Washington.—Opening of Alaska coal lands under a leasing plan was proposed in a bill agreed upon by the senate public lands committee, and which will be favorably reported by Chairman Myers.

The bill proposes that the unreserved lands be surveyed into 40-acre tracts or multiples thereof, the maximum being fixed at 500 acres for any tract. They are to be leased to competitive bidders, not more than one tract being included in any lease. Railroads will be prohibited from acquiring a greater coal supply than needed for their own uses.

Five Persons Drowned.

Fresno, Cal.—The breaking of a suspension bridge across the San Joaquin river plunged four men and one woman, crossing in an automobile, 50 feet into the swift stream. They were drowned. Among the occupants of the machine were L. N. Part, general superintendent of the San Joaquin Light and Power corporation and J. E. Bruggess, assistant superintendent.

Takes Charge of Body.

Stamford, Conn.—The body of Prof. Harry Thurston Peck, who committed suicide here, was removed to the home of his former wife, Mrs. Cornelia Dawbarn Peck, at Sound Beach, with the consent of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Peck, his second wife. Among the effects of Professor Peck, of which Mrs. Cornelia Peck has taken charge, are a number of manuscripts. One of these was on "platonic friendship," in which the question is raised as to "whether a man can maintain a platonic friendship."

WILSON SCORES A PERSONAL TRIUMPH

CLOTURE RULE ADOPTED IN THE HOUSE BY VOTE OF 200 TO 172.

PREDICT PASSAGE OF BILL

Crucial Point Passed, Say Administration Leaders, Who Claim Measure Will Have 100 Majority.

Washington.—President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the great legislative battle of his administration when the house, over bitter protests from recognized Democratic leaders and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the free tolls provision of the Panama canal act. Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Mudd headed those lined up against the administration, but the house responded to the president's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the repeal bill as a means of supporting his administration's foreign policy.

Two votes demonstrated the president's commanding influence with his party in congress. On the first test, a motion to end debate and preclude amendment on the rule carried by a vote of 207 to 176; the rule itself was adopted 200 to 172.

Nothing to compare with the scene had occurred in the house since the famous Cannon rules fight four years ago. In vain Representative Underwood took the floor and urged his colleagues to vote against the rule. The rank and file Democrats, after listening to three hours of passionate argument, swung into the president's column, 199 of them voting to prevent the amendment of the special rule, while but 55 followed the leaders in joining with the minority in opposition.

ANDREWS MAKES REPORT

France, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria to Build Pavilions.

Washington.—Col. Walter P. Andrews, who returned from a tour of the Mediterranean countries as commissioner general of the United States to the Mediterranean and Balkan states, invited the members of the Georgia delegation to congress to a dinner at the New Willard hotel.

Colonel Andrews has made his report to Secretary Bryan and is enthusiastic about the trip of the special commission.

Over 25,000 Indians Ill With Plague.

Washington.—Health conditions among the Indians are described as deplorable by Indian Commissioner Cato Sells, in his annual report. Approximately 25,000 Indians are suffering from tuberculosis, he says, while available hospital facilities for all will not exceed 300 beds. During the past fiscal year 1,905 Indians died from tuberculosis. The Indian death rate was 32.25 per thousand, against 16.00 per thousand for the entire registered area of the United States. More than 60,000 cases of trachoma are shown to exist among the government's wards. The report says there are 8,000 Indian families without homes, many of whom live under revolting conditions. Need of increased appropriations to provide the Indians more sanitary homes, better school facilities, medical attention and measures to prevent disease is emphasized.

Steamer Hits Rock; 18 Drowned.

London.—Eighteen of the crew of the French steamer St. Paul were drowned. The steamer struck a rock and sank while entering the port of Brisbane, Australia, according to a Lloyd dispatch. The St. Paul was on the way from Noumea to Sydney. She was a new 200-foot vessel, built in 1912, commanded by Captain Corree and owned by the Oceanic Navigation company of Bordeaux.

Owen Urges Repeal of Exemption.

Washington.—While the opposing factions in the house were lining up for the opening of the fight over the administration bill to repeal the tolls exemption clause of the Panama canal act, Senator Owen supported President Wilson's attitude in urging the repeal. He took the position that the exemption was in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Owen referred to the senate roll calls to emphasize President Wilson's contention that the exemption was passed by a coalition of the two old parties.

MISS LUCY BURNS



Miss Burns, Vassar graduate with a long record of post-graduate work in political economy at the universities of Yale, Berlin and Bonn, is now the acting head of the Women's Congressional Union at Washington.

INSURGENTS MAKE ATTACK

FEDERALS DRIVEN BACK WHEN MAKING ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM CITY.

Huerta Troops Concentrated in Western Part of Torreon to Resist Combined Attack.

Juarez, Mexico.—A message from Gomez Palacio, signed by General Villa, said that he had concentrated his forces to force his way into Torreon, there to join General Herrera and to take supreme command. Officials here declared that the federals already had tried to escape from the city, but were driven back and were in no condition to withstand such an attack as that of which Villa gave notice in this telegram.

A telegram received from General Villa says that practically all of Torreon, including the entire business section, is in the hands of the rebels. General Herrera, at the head of 4,000 men, is said to have entered the city from the east instead of the north, as at first reported, and is said to have fought his way through the streets to the bull-ring on the northern edge of the city.

A second telegram from Villa amended the first to show that the federals were concentrated in their last defenses in the western portion of the city. Rebel officials here say that if the federals do not hold their position there, they inevitably must be captured.

The same telegram says that federal Generals Pena, Reyna and Anaya have been killed and General Ocaranza seriously wounded.

BANK HOLDUP IN ATLANTA

Bandit Steals Buggy and Eludes Big Mob After a Wild Chase.

Atlanta.—Foiled in a wild attempt to loot the safety vaults of the Atlanta State Savings Bank, a negro institution, in Auburn avenue, which contained upwards of \$2,500 in gold and silver, a white would-be bandit, bludgeoned a negro clerk, fled into Houston street, seized a horse and buggy, raced through the downtown streets, pursued by police officers and a howling mob, fired some five shots at his pursuers and finally eluded searchers in the block bounded by Harris and Cain streets.

A short time later a man claiming to be an actor, and giving his name as Edward Rhynata of Denver, Colo., was arrested by Call Officer James Palmer, in a room at Cain and Williams streets. The suspect was taken to the banking rooms. He was identified by six negroes as the man seen earlier in the day at the Odd Fellows' building, in which the bank is located.

Knell Sounded for Convict Goods.

Washington.—After a vigorous partisan contest, the house passed a bill to bar foreign convict-made or pauper-made goods from competition with the products of American free labor. The measure, which now goes to the senate, follows a bill recently passed by the house forbidding the shipment of convict-made goods in interstate commerce into states which prohibit the sale of such products in the open market. The importation of foreign convict-made goods has been prohibited under the tariff laws since 1890.

MEXICAN TROOPS ENDURE HARDSHIPS

U. S. ARMY MEN WONDER AT FORTITUDE OF RAW UNDISCIPLINED TROOPS.

LITTLE NEWS FROM BATTLE

Much Obstinacy Shown at Torreon. Soldiers on Both Sides Have Scanty Food, Little Water and Air is Filled With Battle Fumes.

Washington.—Army officers here are much surprised at the endurance shown by the raw and undisciplined Mexican troops on both sides in the fighting around Torreon. It is estimated that for five days past these soldiers have been engaged in almost constant battle, without opportunity for sleep or rest and practically without a commissariat on the Rebel side at least.

It is believed here that the explanation for the almost unparalleled obstinacy of the attack by the Rebels is the knowledge that the only way to food and safety lies directly behind the Federal defenses in the city of Torreon and that retreat across the arid desert in their rear is out of the question with a victorious enemy in pursuit.

In the absence of news from the scene of battle the little information that came to Washington was from the naval officers stationed on the two coasts. This related to the case of an American doctor arrested because one of his patients who died under his ministrations was a Constitutionalist officer and to a really threatening situation at Tampico.

Because of the oil wells in its rear, and its rich custom house, Tampico has long been an object of Rebel desire and Admiral Mayo reported that he had heard a large force of Rebels had crossed the river above the city and was approaching with intent to attack the place. To offset this move government reinforcements, numbering 800 soldiers with two cannon and an armored car, had arrived to assist in the defense, so it was evident that backed up with a Federal warship in the harbor, the town would not be taken without a bitter struggle.

KILL TORREON FUGITIVES

Trying to Escape From Torreon Fugitives Are Captured and Killed by Rebels.

Eagle Pass, Texas.—Refugees who reached Piedras Negras, Mexico, from the vicinity of Monclova, reported that General Murguia's command of Constitutionlists had intercepted several bands of fugitive Federal volunteers from Torreon and killed them to the last man. No estimate was given of the casualties.

Murguia is operating between Monterey and Torreon and is reported to have isolated the Torreon garrison from all communication with Mexico City and with Federal forces at Monterey and Saltillo.

There has been no communication between Eagle Pass and Torreon over the Government telegraph lines for five days. All railroads into Torreon from the East have been cut. General Joaquin Maas, who went to reinforce General Velasco at Torreon, made the trip overland in armored automobiles with his 800 men.

Brief on Joint Rates Filed.

Washington.—Protesting that Interstate Commerce Commission orders prohibiting the granting of joint rates and other concessions by interstate railroads is costing so-called tap line railroads \$1,500,000 a year, attorneys for these interests filed a brief in the Supreme Court, urging that the orders be set aside.

Seaboard Contracts For Coal.

Bristol, Tenn.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company has contracted with the Clinchfield Coal Corporation for 500,000 tons of steam coal. This coal is to be delivered as needed. It will be taken from the mines of the coal corporation in Russell County, Virginia.

Famous Agricultural Man Dies.

Washington.—George W. Hill, for many years a prominent official of the agricultural department, died after a protracted illness at Franklin, Va. When the secretary of agriculture first became a member of the cabinet, Mr. Hill organized the editorial branch and developed the plan of widespread circulation of agricultural literature to farmers and the press. His knowledge of departmental affairs led Mr. Roosevelt, when civil service commissioner to urge Mr. Hill's selection for that board.

MARSHALL TO SPEAK

VICE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS INVITATION TO SPEAK IN CHARLOTTE MAY 20TH.

CHOOSE HIS OWN SPEECH

Makes Committee Promise That He May "Stand on His Hind Legs" and Speak Off-Hand on Any Subject That Might Suggest Itself.

Washington.—Vice President Marshall will be the principal speaker for the twentieth of May celebration. He promised a few days ago to leave here May 19, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall, and spend May 20 in the Queen City. He made the invitation committee promise to let him "stand on his hind legs and talk about whatever he saw fit without preparing a set speech for the occasion" before he would accept.

The invitation to Mr. Marshall was extended by Leake Caraway of the Greater Charlotte Club, John A. Parker, representing Charlotte and W. C. Dowd of the twentieth of May committee. Secretary Daniels, Senator Overman, Representative Webb and Dr. W. J. Martin of Davidson College. Mr. Caraway told the Vice President that a Pullman car on the Southern railroad would be put at his disposal from the time he leaves here till he returns. Mr. Marshall declared that a "whole car" is more than he wants, but he will not quarrel if he has too much room.

Secretary Daniels will celebrate with the Charlotteans the week of the twentieth. Asked what he preferred in the way of menu for the dinner to him, he said, "big jowl and greens." Vice President Marshall was about to postpone his answer to the Charlotte committee for the reason that all of his office help is out of commission.

"I will give you my answer tomorrow or next day," said he. "I have no help today. My secretary has married himself a wife and is off on a bridal tour. My stenographer has the measles, my messenger has German measles and Mrs. Marshall's maid has just undergone an operation for a serious attack of appendicitis."

The Vice President finally called up Mrs. Marshall at the Shornham Hotel and asked her to run over appointment book and see if the Marshalls, who always travel together, have engagements for May 20.

"If I go if you let me stand on my hind legs and speak off-hand on whatever subject I choose, without preparing a set speech," said Mr. Marshall, turning from the phone. The offer was accepted.

Durham Will Rebuild.

Durham.—The merchants who were burned out in the fire here a few days ago, have nearly all made arrangements for temporary quarters and some of them will leave soon for the Northern markets to lay in another stock of goods. A number of them have also held conferences with the owners of the burned buildings and will begin at once to go over plans for new buildings in the place of those which have been destroyed.

The majority are taking their heavy losses in the finest kind of spirit and all express the opinion that, as unfortunate as was the fire better buildings and more modern structures in every respect will rise from the ashes of the ruins.

W. M. U. Elects Officers.

Hendersonville.—With the passage of resolutions thanking Hendersonville people for their hospitality in entertaining, the election of officers for the ensuing year and the consideration of committee reports, the State Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, which has been in session here for four days, adjourned some of whom have served for many years and none less than two, were re-elected: President, Miss Fannie E. S. Heck; treasurer, Mrs. Wesley N. Jones; corresponding secretary, Miss Blanche Barruss; superintendent of Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors, Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs; recording secretary, Mrs. J. S. Farmer, all of Raleigh.

Lettuce Crop Is Damaged.

Wilmington.—Lettuce growers in this section say that the cold weather of the first and the latter part of the present month has had the effect of damaging the lettuce crop to the extent of delaying shipments 30 days, and of reducing the output from one-half to two-thirds of what was expected the yield would be. There has been an increased acreage of lettuce and despite the damage to the crop it is expected that in the aggregate the shipment will be as large as last year.