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GUN GANGMEN IN A FIERCE FIGHT

They Shoot Everything Up in Streets of New York.

Detectives Were Powerless to Stop the Fight.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—One of the most spectacular gun battles among gangsters in this city in recent years was fought at the doors of a club house on the lower East Side late last night. Three men were seriously shot, many others were wounded and seven were arrested after police reserves finally dared to break up the fight.

Gangsters crouching behind trees, ash barrels and other obstructions opened fire on the club house. Men within sprang to the doors and windows and answered the attack. Fifty shots were exchanged while detectives blew their whistles for aid. When the revolvers were emptied the police charged the club house. They met with no resistance. The gangsters in the street fled. One man had an eye shot out. Another is dying from bullet wounds in the back. A third was shot in the leg which will be amputated in an effort to save his life. Many men escaped over the roof, carrying their wounded with them. Six revolvers were found in the club house and six more in the street. The men arrested refuse to tell the cause of the trouble. It was apparent to the police that those in the club house expected and prepared for the attack.

RUM CANES THE RAGE NOW IN WASHINGTON

They Are Hollow and They Hold Whiskey for Use on Dry Sundays.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The new excise board appointed by President Wilson of the District of Columbia is trying to settle two problems. "What is a meal for a woman?" and "Is a 'rust' still full of liquor for Sunday use in a dry town, an evasion of the Jones Whiskey Excise Act?"

The excise law provides that "no licensee" shall sell, give, furnish or distribute any intoxicating liquors to any female; provided that bona fide guests of hotels, restaurants and clubs may be served with liquor at meals. Since the excise law went into effect Sunday has been perfectly dry until last week, when something like 100 "jags" were arrested. It was testified by a number of policemen that most of the jags carried walking canes. On investigation it was found that the canes had hollow tubes and from the tubes came the odor of whiskey.

Samples of canes exhibited hold anywhere from a drink to a "drunk"—a gill to a quart. The "rum cane" has become very popular in Washington, some of the barrooms having added a special spigot for canes.

Two Juries Secured For Coroner's Inquest

Fine Row is on Between City and County Police—Who Will Pay Jurors Summoned by Constable Kerr?

Two juries were empaneled to-day to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of Edward Roberts at Cainsville last night. As a result there is a fine row on between the city police and the county constabulary of which High County Kerr is the head. The jurors of the second jury are also demanding pay for being summoned this morning to the undertaking establishment of Reid and Brown, Colborne street.

Constable Kerr says he was notified by Dr. Raphael, coroner of Cainsville, that the remains had been forwarded to Brantford and were to be taken to Reid and Brown's. When they arrived they were taken in charge by the city police and taken to H. S. Peirce's parlors; although there is no quarrel between the undertakers in the matter.

The city police secured a warrant from Coroner Fissette and possession being nine-tenths of the law, have now charge of the inquest. In the meantime Constable Kerr hustled round to get jurors and was sur-

Heroic Rescue by British Warship

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The British battleship Iron Duke effected a timely rescue of the thirty passengers and crew of the Steamer Scotsdyke, while the steamer was burning in the English channel early to-day.

The steamer, bound from Mediterranean ports for Sunderland, caught fire off the Isle of Wight shortly after midnight. The blaze started in a deck cargo of grass and spread so rapidly through this inflammable material that the crew was unable to stay its progress and it attacked the ship's bridge and a number of life-boats which were destroyed. Owing

to the heavy sea it was impossible to launch the few remaining lifeboats. The panic stricken passengers and crew were forced to retire to the stern of the steamer. The Battleship Iron Duke was fortunately carrying out trials in the channel during the night and when the burning steamer was sighted, sailors from the warship put off in boats to the rescue. The forepart of the steamer was a mass of flames when the boats reached the scene and the helpless persons aboard were huddled together aft. The Iron Duke played her searchlights upon the stern of the doomed ship while the rescue crew took all-hands safely off.

HUERTA CALLING CONGRESS TODAY

He May Resign and He May Not—Situation in Mexico.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 19.—Gen. Huerta planned to-day to submit to the members of his cabinet the message which he proposes to deliver to his newly convened congress to-morrow. The cabinet meeting was called for this afternoon, at which time it was expected that General Huerta would ask its members to go over the message with him.

The document is short and it is said to review the most important acts of the Huerta administration, dealing frankly with the dissolution of congress and calling attention to the strained relations with the United States. It is expected that congress will receive the message without protest, thereby giving Huerta virtual ratification of his acts. It is said that the message will open a way to an immediate discussion by congress of the late presidential election, and it is a foregone conclusion that the congress will discuss the election. It is regarded as possible that the congress may name some one else for provisional president for a period ensuing until the election and inauguration of a permanent chief executive, but it would undoubtedly be a big surprise to most Mexicans, as well as foreigners, if General Huerta should not be instructed to continue at the head of affairs.

Officials calling attention to the election have been moved by two emotions since they learned that the constitutionalists had insisted that Bayward Hale, the representative of President Wilson, should show his credentials before continuing conferences with General Carranza and his advisers. The Huerta officials are pleased that Carranza, as a Mexican, is still showing a tendency to pre-vent interference, and are gratified at what they interpret as indications of the failure of the rebels and the United States authorities to reach a working agreement. So far as had been ascertained early to-day, all of the foreign diplomats here, with the exception of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the United States charge d'affaires, will attend the opening session of congress. Mr. O'Shaughnessy will not be present, and it is assumed that his absence is authorized by instructions from Washington.

DELHI MAN IS ARRESTED

M. A. Pettit is Charged With Fraud by Mounted Police in West.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—Inspector Miller of the Ontario Provincial force gathered M. A. Pettit at Delhi yesterday on a charge of fraud preferred by the Northwest Mounted Police. As agent of the Apimal Insurance Company of Montreal, Pettit is alleged to have framed up a number of frauds and collected insurance.

His modus operandi was to frame up a scheme with the owner of a horse, have it insured for much more than it was worth, in his company, making affidavits to the value, and when the insurance was collected, he is charged with securing a share.

At Delhi he is charged by a man named Gordon, of insuring a stallion for which \$650 was paid, for \$3,000. He is accused of making an affidavit that the horse was bought for \$2000. The owner of the horse, by arrangement collected the insurance and prosecution for fraud followed. He is being held until November 27, at Delhi for removal to the Northwest at the convenience of the Mounted Police.

PRETTY CHEAP JOB THAT OF HANGMAN

The Pay is \$25, Says Col. A. Wilkes, the County Crown Attorney.

While the County of Brant will have to bear all the expenses of the hanging of James Taylor, from what can be learned, the expenses will not be very heavy. Col. Wilkes, Crown Prosecutor, stated to-day that Sheriff Ross could secure any man he wanted to do it or he could do it himself. The latter eventuality is unlikely in the extreme. However, it may be a case of bargaining for a man, as Colonel Wilkes says there is no official hangman whatever. As a rule, he says the sum of \$25 is paid for the work. This will come as a shock to the applicants for the position, who doubtless thought the remuneration was \$100 or better. Whether the applicants will press for appointment in view of the fact that \$25 is the salary, remains to be seen.

Col. Wilkes is strongly opposed, not to the execution, but to the method. The Crown Prosecution believes execution the only humane way. "If the man secured," he says, "fails to tie the knot properly, the effect is barbarous."

"SHAG" SAYS HE WILL QUIT SPORT

Proposes to Go Into Business at Ottawa Very Soon.

MONTREAL, Nov. 19.—Frank "Shag" Shaughnessy, whose coaching has been responsible for the two intercollegiate football championships won by McGill has signed up with the university as coach for another year. Shaughnessy was pressed to sign a three year contract, but declined saying he was going out of sport next year to enter business in Ottawa and would probably sell his interest in the Ottawa Baseball club, the pennant winner of the Canadian League this year.

OFFICIALLY DENIED

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 19.—The rumor that Hon. Frank Cochrane had resigned from the Borden cabinet is officially denied here, and it is further stated that he will not do so until he is completely incapacitated by ill health. His health is, however, bad, and he will do little active work before the session opens.

WAS KILLED ON GRAND TRUNK TRACK

Edward Roberts Met Death Last Night at Cainsville.

Engineer Stopped Train and Brought Body to the City

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

Edward Roberts, an Englishman, employed with Mr. Albert Davis, Onondaga, while returning from this city, was killed by being hit by a west bound Grand Trunk freight, about one and a quarter miles east of Cainsville, at about 10.40 last night. The train was proceeding at 8 miles an hour. The engine was in charge of Engineer Brown, and the train in charge of Conductor Evans.

Roberts was probably intoxicated, and probably lying upon the tracks, as Engineer Brown did not know he had hit a man until he had dragged him about 100 yards. His attention was drawn by the fact that the cylinder cocks on the engine were open. The engineer stopped the train to close the cocks and was startled to find the body of the deceased lying under the engine and his head across the rail. Upon investigation there was found a broken flask and a broken stone jug. There was a strong odor of liquor from the deceased.

Thomas Fulton, a farmer, living in the vicinity, identified the deceased, who was employed with Mr. J. W. Clark at Cainsville until about a year ago.

The Jury Conductor Evans notified the Cainsville coroner, but upon instructions received from him the body was brought into Brantford and later taken to the undertaker's parlors of H. S. Peirce, where at 11 o'clock this morning a jury composed of Messrs Austin Leflow (foreman), Fred Linger, T. S. Searle, E. James, Thomas Rodgers, T. V. Crandall, George Brown and J. H. Adams viewed the remains and adjourned to meet at the police station at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. Coroner Fissette is the coroner, and P. C. Cara is in charge of the case.

Upon examination, it was found that the deceased, who is in the neighborhood of 30 years of age, had suffered a bad fracture of the left arm and a blow just below the chest on the left side, which was the main cause of death.

Worked During the Day The deceased had worked during the day for his employer, but late in the day came into the city. Upon examining the contents of his pockets a ticket from Brantford to Onondaga was found.

Has No Relatives The unfortunate man is not thought to have any relatives in this country, but a father is known to reside in the old land. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

BOOTHS TO END THEIR PERSONAL QUARREL

Two Will Meet for the First Time Since Estrangement Seventeen Years Ago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—General Bramwell Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army and General Ballington Booth separated 17 years ago, will meet in New York, it was announced here yesterday. The two have not met since Ballington Booth separated 17 years ago from his father, General Wm. Booth, founder of the Salvation Army and organized the Volunteers of America.

"I will see my brother in New York and take his hand," said General Bramwell Booth, "but this does not mean there will be any move toward consolidation of our forces. This visit will be a family affair."

The General left Chicago yesterday. After meeting Ballington Booth in New York he will return to England.

THROWN FROM AUTO.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Imperial Russian Crown Prince Alexis Nicholasievitch is reported to have been thrown from an automobile in which he was driving to-day with a sailor attendant, according to a newspaper despatch from St. Petersburg. The little prince who has for many months been an invalid, escaped with only a few bruises.

Sixteen Bodies Found In Mine

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

ACTON, Ala. Nov. 19.—The bodies of sixteen men killed in the explosion late yesterday in mine No. 3, of the Alabama Fuel and Iron Company near here, had been recovered and six of the miners who were entombed had been rescued alive up to an early hour to-day. The miners still missing and supposed to be shut up in the mine is variously estimated at from ten to twenty, it having been reported that forty three men, the majority of them white laborers, entered the mine early Tuesday morning for work. How many left the workings before the explosion occurred has not been ascertained. The bodies of nine of the victims have been identified. At one o'clock this morning the rescuers, who began their relief work about six o'clock last night, came upon the bodies of seven miners at the sixth entry to the mine, but these had not been identified early this morning. The rescue crews are still at work in the mine, hoping to penetrate the fallen mass of coal and rock, loosened by the explosion, and save those who are still alive in the workings, if there are any, or recover the bodies of the dead.

The name of Charles Cattman has been eliminated from the list of dead first sent out and the names of Will Clelland and John Horton have been added.

REFUSES TO TALK TO HIS COUNSEL

Hans Schmidt is Believed Insane by Lawyer Defending Him.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—After having been called for trial to-day, the case of Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna Amuller, was put over by consent of Schmidt's counsel based his request for a postponement on the plea that he had not had time to prepare the case as Schmidt had refused to confer with him.

"I contend that my client is insane and it will be slaughter to try him," the lawyer told the court. "He is unable to confer with counsel. He told me that all he wanted to do was to plead guilty, that he did not want a trial. Although he is guilty of a brutal and most heinous murder it is my desire to arrive at the real truth of his mental condition. New and important evidence has been discovered in Germany through a Dr. Herman, which has an important bearing on Schmidt's sanity. It will be impossible to get that evidence for at least a week."

Dr. Herman was the only witness who was said, who refused to testify before the commission sent to Germany by the District Attorney to investigate Schmidt's insanity.

Air Brakes For Hamilton Cars

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—The Hamilton street cars of the heavier type will all have to be equipped with air brakes inside of six months. This decision was arrived at this morning by the Ontario Municipal and Railway Board, following the hearing to-day of Magnus Sinclair, one of the members of the General executive of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, to compel the company to equip their cars with brakes.

The application was supported by argument and evidence to show that hand brakes were a menace to the public safety, while most laborious for motorists to operate.

Superintendent E. E. Coleman and G. E. Waller, general manager of radial lines gave evidence to show that hand brakes were safer as with them motorists exercised greater care in controlling their cars than with air brakes.

ARE GETTING OUT

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Nov. 19.—The exodus of American citizens from Mexico City continues, forty, mainly women and children, arrived here this morning by train. The fugitives report that comparatively few foreign women and children remain in the federal capital.

Duelist Got "Cold Feet"

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Lt. Torkomb, a Bulgarian army officer, after vainly challenging Pierre Lott, the French novelist and several Parisian journalists who had published anti-Bulgarian articles, finally succeeded to-day in finding an opponent in the person of the well known writer and swordsman, Georges Breittmayer.

The soldier and the writer met in sword duel this morning, which ended in the discomfiture of the Bulgarian champion who after receiving a severe wound in the breast during the sixth bout, abandoned the contest.

DENIED GIVING AID

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 19.—Lord Cowdry, who possesses so many interests in Mexico, had a lengthy conference at his own request with United States Ambassador Page this afternoon. Lord Cowdry afterward declined to reveal the precise subject under discussion, but it is generally surmised that he desired to obtain further information as to how far his Mexican interests were endangered, and was wishful of emphasizing to the United States ambassador his denial of the report that he had given financial assistance to Provisional President Huerta.

BRITIAN SENDS A SQUADRON THERE

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

BRIDGETOWN, Barbadoes, Nov. 19.—The British Cruiser squadron in West Indian waters last night received peremptory orders to proceed to Vera Cruz, and the vessels sailed at midnight.

The British cruiser squadron consists of the three armored cruisers, Suffolk, Lancaster and Berwick and is commanded by Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, whose flagship is the Suffolk. The three vessels are of the same type displacing 9,800 tons. They each carry an armament of 14 16-inch, eight 12-pounders and three-pounder guns.

OPPOSES SCHEME TO EXCLUDE ULSTER

Marquis of Lansdowne Prefers General Election Test.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, in a speech at Brighton yesterday said that whatever kind of a Home Rule Bill is finally passed into law it will not be the present bill. He added that he was not attracted by the scheme to exclude Ulster for a term of years from the effect of the bill, but that the Unionists were willing to examine any proposal of the kind. The proper solution, he added, is a general election. Failing that the Unionists are ready to consider special terms for Ulster. If both these plans are rejected the Unionists would give Parliament every encouragement to resist the application of the Act.

No Increase Was Granted

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The demand of 100,000 members of the British postoffice for higher pay was rejected to-day by Herbert Samuel, the Postmaster-General. He sweetened his refusal to the deputation which waited on him by making some concessions in regard to the conditions of labor of postoffice employees, but he pointed out that their demand for an increase of 15 per cent. on their wages meant the expenditure by the British Government of \$12,500,000 more each year and would necessitate the imposition of new taxation. Mr. Samuel, referring to the threats of the men to strike in case their demands were not conceded, intimated that those who quit work would be regarded as having resigned their positions.

The members of the deputation, who were clearly disaffected, said they would have to refer the Postmaster-General's decision to the men's union.

Swindler Gets Three Years

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—W. H. Marshall, alias Huntington, who was brought from Montreal a week ago to face three charges of obtaining money by false pretences and forgery in Toronto, pleaded guilty this morning and was given three years in Kingston penitentiary. He was described by the crown as a bad swindler and who had served in the United States, besides being wanted in Boston for forgery. No evidence was produced this morning beyond the fact that he had obtained \$300 from the Royal Bank, \$15 from a tailor, and had forged the name of the president of the Fidelity and Trusts Company at Buffalo.

Stories Of Bravery From Burning Ship

Captain Went Five Days Without Sleep—Wireless Operator Did Heroic Work—All On Board Were Saved.

[Canadian Press Despatch.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Three names stood out conspicuously in the stories of bravery told to-day when the Cunard Liner Pannonia brought to port the passengers rescued from the burning Spanish Steamer Balmes. Captain Juan Ruiz of the Balmes spent practically five days without sleep, while he and his men held the flames in check and guided their ship safely into the harbor of St. Georges, Bermuda.

Innocencia V. Mickaila, the wireless operator on the Balmes sent the messages that brought the Pannonia. Since there was only one other man aboard who understood English, Mickaila was obliged to be on duty without rest to translate the messages received from the rescuing ship.

Nicholas Arbormie, a mechanic from the Canary Islands, was the man who led the men passengers into the blazing hold of the Balmes last Thursday after the crew were exhausted and ready to give up the fight.

The passengers themselves first discovered the fire. "Some of us noticed smoke coming through the grating of our cabins," said Arbormie. "We told the officers and they opened hold No. 1 and the smoke that gushed up made them quickly close it again and fasten it down. Then they cut six hoses 'it down. Then they cut six hoses 'it through."

The passengers from the Balmes numbered 71 men and 33 women and children. Most of them came from Cuba and all were bound for ports in Spain. They will be taken back to their destination. Whether they will be taken care of meantime aboard the Pannonia or Ellis Island was not determined. None of them seemed the worse for their experience. When they first came aboard the Pannonia, many of them were scantily clothed and some of the children were naked, but the Pannonia's passengers gave them all the clothes they needed and on Sunday when the Pannonia left Bermuda she took off all their baggage from the Balmes.