

BOLD BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN

Two Men Stop Overland Limited Near Ogden Taking Large Sum Of Money From Passengers At Pistol Point

SLEEPING CAR PORTER IS SHOT DEAD

Officers Searching Houses In Salt Lake City For Robbers—Heavy Reward For Capture Likely To Be Offered

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 3.—With the theory that two masked bandits who held up the Southern Pacific's Overland Limited at Reese early today are hiding in this city, every rooming house in the city is being thoroughly searched, and all suspects are being taken into custody. There are now in the field working on the case all the detectives of the Harriman lines and Pinkerton detectives in addition to the sheriffs and police officers of Salt Lake, Weber and Box Elder counties. Five suspects answering the description of the robbers were arrested early this evening and are being held pending an investigation. General Superintendent E. C. Mansson, of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific, who arrived in Ogden early this morning and held conferences with the officers working upon the case, stated tonight that the bandits who held up the Overland Limited on June 27, 1910, which operates the Southern Pacific from Ogden to Sparks, Nevada, would probably offer a reward of \$5000 for the apprehension of the criminals.

A similar reward is now standing for the arrest of the bandits who held up the Oregon Short Line train three miles north of Ogden on June 27, 1910. Owing to the great knowledge exhibited by the Reese bandits, in directing the train crew in handling the train, the railroad officials are convinced that the robbers are former railroad men. The bandits not only displayed knowledge of the automatic block signal apparatus, but also showed that they were informed in the method of the operation of trains by the Southern Pacific. The semaphore, whose signal halted the train was ingeniously tampered with. The lock on the box, had been broken, the door opened and a match inserted, so as to prevent the copper contacts from touching and thereby throwing the signal in the block and stopping the train.

Carried Back For Robbers.

H. H. Hancock, flagman on the Overland Limited, who was compelled to carry the sack in which the robbers collected the valuables, gave a clear account of the looting of the train when he reached Ogden today. He said: "About 11:30 last night the train was stopped a mile and a half west of Reese station by an intermediate block signal. Brakeman Cross went ahead to locate the trouble. I went east to protect the rear of the train. I had gone about a third of a mile when I was signalled by the engineer to return. I did so after putting two torpedoes on the track and lighting a fuse. Just as I was about to step on the rear platform I was confronted by two ugly rascals and heard a stern command to get on the platform and do it quick. I climbed on just as the train started and two men followed me. As soon as we were together on the platform one of the men said: 'Here, you take this sack and hold it as we go through the train.' Wait a minute. We will just take that watch you have."

"I asked him not to take the watch as I had no other. He jerked the chain loose from my vest and dropped the watch into the sack. Entering the car, they found the door of the toilet-room locked, and one of them fired through it. In the light I had a chance to inspect the men. Both carried sawed-off repeating shotguns, and each had a revolver in a belt hanging down. The man who was about six feet tall, slim and round-shouldered. He had on new overalls, his finger nails were long and his hands were white and soft. A blue handkerchief with white spots covered his face below the eyes.

"The other man was five feet seven, light complexioned, had a cut on one finger of the right hand and was quick spoken. He wore a black curtain mask and seemed to be the leader. As we passed through the first car the tall man kept me covered with his gun, while the short one ordered the passengers from their berths. They were told to drop what they had in the sack I carried. At one of the berths two young women protested that they did not have anything. The short robber pushed his gun violently against the breast of one and struck the other over the right eye with the butt of the weapon. In the second car the two men were sitting in the smoking compartment. The men were forced to give up their property and then warned to sit quiet; that one of the robbers would be standing just outside the door and if they attempted anything they would be killed.

Porter Shot Dead.

"When we came to the drawing-room of this car, Davis, the porter, tried to keep them from entering. The short man deliberately raised his gun and fired. Davis fell to the floor dead, and Taylor, the other porter, grappled with the robber and wrenched his gun away from him. The bandit pulled his revolver and fired. Taylor dropped to the floor wounded.

"The robber then started back behind the corner of the drawing-room, and I started to run through the train with

the sack in my hands. I had gone but a car length when they overtook me, and, with an oath the short man said: 'What do you mean by running away with that sack? We ought to kill you right here, but I guess we won't for a few minutes.'

"We then entered the diner where Conductor Middleton was checking up. He was told to turn over his cash. He said all he had was 70 cents and dropped that in the sack. The short robber demanded his watch and he said he did not have one.

"Drop your watch in that sack and we'll look about it, or we will kill you," said the short robber. I told Middleton to drop his watch, for by this time I was convinced they would kill anyone who opposed them. He dropped it in. By this time the train had reached Reese and Brakeman Cross had boarded it. We were just starting to gain speed when one of the robbers reached for the cord and released the air, bringing the train to a stop. Engineer Rowse got out to try and locate the trouble and the robbers ordered me to get off the train with them.

"A minute or two later the engineer returned on our side of the train, and while one of the robbers covered him and ordered him to his car, the other commanded me to cut the train back of the baggage car.

"I made an attempt to do so, or pretended to be when he said:

"Get out of that. Let me cut it. You are altogether too slow."

"I was then ordered to signal the engineer to pull slowly. The engine moved forward and I was told to stand where I was for a few minutes. A little later the engine and baggage car passed me going on the siding.

"A. W. Taylor, the wounded porter, who, alone of all the men in the train tried to disarm the bandits, has but a vague remembrance of his heroism. He tells of his fellow porter's death in these words: 'I had just been to the diner and got a sandwich and was sitting with Davis eating it when someone came to the door.'

"You can't come in here," said Davis. Before I had time to look up and realize what was the matter I heard Davis say: 'For God's sake don't kill me. There was a shot and Davis sank to the floor. I don't remember just what happened after that.'

Taylor was shot through the arm, but his recovery is probable.

Among the passengers who lost valuables are: J. Q. Seymour and wife, 452 Lake avenue, Chicago, loss \$85 and watch. W. K. Naylor, wife and child, Evanston, Ill., loss \$47 and watch. A. E. Kennard and wife, 1707 "K" street, Lincoln, Neb., loss \$1100.50 in cash and drafts and diamond ring, Miss Cecil Darragh, 216 East Second street, Okla. City, Okla., loss \$1000 in cash and diamonds and diamond ring. Joseph Sack, 3259 Prairie avenue, Chicago, loss \$227.50 in cash, silver ring, watch and chain. Miss Florence Heckenhufer, Muncie, Ind., loss \$100 cash, gold watch, small diamond ring. Cleveland, Ohio, loss \$85 cash. Mrs. Mary P. Smith, 717 Haythorne, Hollywood, Cal., loss diamond ring valued at \$300. H. G. Chatfield and wife, 203 West 54th street, New York, loss \$150 cash.

CONTRACT LET FOR ISLAND ROAD

Firm Of Mackenzie & Mann To Build First Section Of Canadian Northern—Sir Donald's Statement

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—The contract for the building of the first Vancouver Island section of the Canadian Northern railway was let today and construction will soon be started on it. Sir Donald M. Mann stated that the work as at present mapped out, which would be pushed to a conclusion, had for its object the extension of the line to Barkley Sound.

Sir Donald had no hesitation in saying that the successful tenderers for this work were Mackenzie & Mann, although he was free to state that he was not then in official possession of the final awards, this branch of the business being left to Mr. Holt. Sir Donald would not say nay to the proposition that the entire section as far as Alberni would be under construction by the end of this year.

Mr. Holt is at present in Ottawa.

RAINBOW PREPARING FOR NORTHERN TRIP

Rates of Pay in Canada's Navy For Shipwrights, Carpenters and Chief Carpenter's Mates Increased

H. M. C. S. Rainbow is being made ready for her northern cruise to Prince Rupert and northern British Columbia waters on which the cruiser is to leave about two weeks hence. Advice have been received from Ottawa that an order-in-council has been passed increasing the pay offered by the Navy branch for shipwrights, carpenters' mates and chief carpenter's mates for the Canadian navy, the wages offered not having proved sufficiently high to obtain suitable candidates. The scale of wages, formerly fixed at \$1 to \$1.50 per day, will henceforth run from \$1.25 to \$2.20.

Struck An Indian

Because George Donaldson, while under the influence of liquor and over-uberrance of spirits while celebrating the New Year, struck Massett Jack, a Clayoquot Indian, on the mouth, he was fined \$10 by Police Magistrate Jay in the police court yesterday morning. Donaldson pleaded self-defence, but it was shown that the Indian was surprised by the blow and did not even strike back. Four drunks were fined, three paying four dollars and one six dollars, he being an old offender.

TWO ANARCHISTS RESIST POLICE

London Started By Shooting Of Sergeant And Subsequent Siege Of House In Which Desperadoes Were Sheltered

MILITARY CALLED TO AID CONSTABLES

Anarchists Driven To Roof By Fire And Finally Falt Prey To Flames—Reports Of Widespread Plot In City

LONDON, Jan. 3.—All London has been stirred by the battle waged today between anarchists on the one side, and hundreds of police, infantry and artillerymen on the other. How many of the anarchists took part in the engagement, which was fought in and around a barricaded house in Sidney street, in the East End, is not definitely known. After a search of the debris of the burned structure, portions of only two bodies had been discovered. They consist of the trunk and part of the head of one man, and a few charred bones of another. It is the opinion of some that two desperadoes alone for many hours held the police and militia at bay.

Thousands flocking from all parts of London witnessed the spectacle; a steady rain of bullets, flashes of fire, smoke pouring from the windows, the house in flames and finally men on the roof, shouting defiance and falling into the seething furnace below. A police sergeant, searching for the burglars who only a few nights ago killed four policemen, was reconnoitering around the Sidney street house in the early hours of the morning. Suddenly a shot was fired, and the sergeant fell with a bullet through the lung. A call for police was sounded, and the entire neighborhood was cordoned off.

Persons were driven from their house, and a pitched battle began between those who were in the house and the police. The Scots Guards, from the Tower, were dispatched to the scene, and later a battery of artillery with machine guns came at the double quick.

Their pieces were placed in position, but they did not open fire. A steady stream of bullets played between the contending forces. The guardsmen took up sheltered posts, firing volleys after volleys into the house. Piles of straw were cast in all directions, and lighted in the hope that the desperadoes would be smoked out. At last sparks were observed shooting from the windows, accompanied by clouds of smoke and here and there flames.

Driven Out By Fire

Firemen stretched their hose and threw water on the adjoining structures. Soon they directed their streams against the stronghold of the desperadoes, which was now burning fiercely. Driven from the lower floors, the anarchists made their way to the roof, where it seemed to the watching thousands several forms could be seen amidst the smoke. Then the roof collapsed, and with it went the men.

Not since the news of the British disasters at the opening of the South African campaign has the country been aroused as by today's events. The newspapers call loudly for more effective means of dealing with the growing terrors of alien immigration, no doubt being held that the desperadoes who fell today were anarchists. A search of the debris, which revealed the ruins had cooled a little revealed in a cupboard a large number of what appears to be unfinished metal dynamite bombs.

At present there is no evidence that the house had any other occupants than the two whose charred bodies were found. Several others, police and civilians, received minor injuries. Immense crowds of sightseers invested the neighborhood until a late hour tonight, but a strict police guard was maintained, and it was impossible for those without authority to get close to the half-wrecked building. Two families who occupied the lower floors of this building were withdrawn by the police before the fighting began, and they profess to know nothing of how the desperadoes gained access. The latter appeared to have been in rooms rented by a Russian woman, Bessie Gerschon, who is now under arrest with other suspects, against whom, however, no charge has been made.

The police officials show indignation at the calling out of the soldiers. They express confidence that they could have handled the affair without the help of the military. The last occasion on which the military was so employed was at the time of the notorious Trafalgar Square riots, when John Burns was arrested. Even then the soldiers did not fire.

Identity Doubtful

It is difficult to establish the identity of the dead desperadoes, but, according to reports, it is practically certain that one is "Dutch Fritz," and that the other is not "Peter the Painter," for whom the police are still searching.

It seems that when the detectives got the inmates of the lower rooms out of the house, the difficulty remained of how to remove the woman, Gerschon, who was sleeping on the upper floor.

Finally a ruse was adopted. A woman from a lower floor went up and awakened the Gerschon woman, and begged her to descend as the woman's husband was ill. She complied with the request, and was arrested.

According to an unconfirmed report, when threatened by the police, she confessed that "Dutch Fritz" and "Peter the Painter" were sleeping in the stairs. This story is doubted, as it is believed the police has been previously informed from other quarters.

There is another story, that after the firing had practically ceased on the part of the beleaguered police at the rear of the building heard muffled sounds within, followed by groans, and it is supposed the anarchists may have used their last cartridges to shoot each other, or to commit suicide. The method of their death, however, probably will never be established, but bullet wounds were found on the remains of both bodies. Further details may develop at the inquest tomorrow. All the wounded are doing well. Sergeant Leese is in a serious condition, but is expected to recover.

Late tonight it was said the report that bombs had been found in the besieged house was untrue.

Widespread Plot

LONDON, Jan. 4.—According to the Daily Telegraph, the police are in possession of information concerning a widespread anarchist plot which is regarded as one of great gravity. The details are being kept secret.

C. P. R. Story Denied

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—D. McNicoll, vice-president of the C. P. R., stated today that there was no truth in the story published in Toronto to the effect that J. W. Leonard, general manager of the Eastern lines, would be transferred to Toronto with the rank of vice-president.

Wrecked in Bay of Biscay.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Wreckage reported picked up in the Bay of Biscay, no doubt regarding the fate of the British steamer, Axim, which left London on Dec. 9th for West African ports with a crew of British and German sailors numbering thirty, and four passengers.

Union Bank's Capital

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Application is being made to the Dominion treasury board for permission to increase the capital stock of the Union Bank of Canada from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 in accordance with plans announced in connection with the purchase of the United Empire bank.

Everett Street Car Strike.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 3.—Efforts to maintain service on the Everett street car lines were abandoned at 8:30 tonight after a demonstration by strike sympathizers at Broadway and Hewitt streets. A great crowd gathered, blocking traffic, but no violence was offered. Fearing the temper of the crowd, the street car officials sent all the cars to the barn tonight. It was announced that service will be resumed tomorrow. Twenty-five strikebreakers were brought to Everett from Seattle and Tacoma today.

NEW COMPANY MAKES PROPOSAL

Australian Concern Offering To Place Steamships In Service Between This Country And Southern Points

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REVENUE INCREASES IN VARIOUS STATES

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Increased Revenue

As an indication of the prosperity now enjoyed in Australia, the revenue returns for the last six months are of interest. The increases for the period mentioned are as follows: Victoria, \$249,000; New South Wales, £817,000; South Australia, £253,000; West Australia, surplus, £249,000.

Territory Transferred

The proclamation transferring the northern territory to the Commonwealth has been read at Port Darwin. A remarkable incident marked the raising of the flag of the federal authority. It was proposed to utilize a new Australian flag on the occasion, but when it was discovered that the only available flag was the manufacture of an agent whose residents, who, however, was naturalized for many years, vigorous objections were taken. Trouble was averted just when matters were beginning to look serious, by the fact that the flag was a European-made flag. This was hoisted to the top of the flagstaff, and under its ragged folds the territory entered the federation.

Look For Settlers

The Western Australian government is sending immigration officers to India to procure the time-expired soldiers as immigrants. Special arrangements for their passage to this country and settlement on the land will be made.

BEDEVIL DISASTER

BELLEVUE, Alta., Jan. 3.—Coroner Pinkney convened the jury which had been summoned to appear when he adjourned the session which had been called to sit upon the ninth of last month, and which had been notified to reappear today to resume the investigation so abruptly halted by the refusal of two of the jurymen to go on in the case because of their misunderstanding of the scope of the investigation was to take. After discharging them from further duty in the case written order from Mr. Justice Stewart of the supreme court, he adjourned the session until the arrival of the delayed westbound express, upon which the attorneys and court stenographer Powell were travelling to be in attendance.

The Foreman of the new jury

is James W. Gresham of Frank. Coroner Pinkney read his declaration to the attorney general setting out the facts which had caused the adjournment of the case upon the tenth of last month, and Attorney General Mitchell's authorization for the present proceedings, ordering that the case be continued without disturbing the bodies of the thirty-one dead men upon whose death and the causes which led to that death, they were to pass judgment.

As upon the first opening of the trial, James Burke was the first witness called, this time for the purpose of identifying the dead men, as he, as secretary of the local miners' union, had been acquainted with them and had seen and recognized their bodies at the morgue after they had been taken from the mine. Mr. Burke had known all these men except F. A. Anderson, the rescuer from Hosmer, but was able to identify him, also, as he had seen him both before and after his death on the morning of the 10th of December. He was able also to swear as to where they had been buried.

Thus by agreement and through instructions

of Attorney General Mitchell, a very awkward condition was smoothed out very successfully, and the coroner was in a position to go on with the case as though nothing had occurred to hinder the proceedings.

The jury were anxious to have a copy of the evidence taken each day laid before them on the next morning, but as this could not be arranged for Attorney Campbell promised to secure a copy of evidence bearing upon any important point, this being agreeable to the coroner.

To Drive Out Japanese

PEKIN, China, Jan. 3.—It is reported that the Chinese in Manchuria have organized a secret society of large membership, to drive the Japanese out of the country.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Board of Trade and Railroad Presidents Exchange Felicitations

The Victoria board of trade has received salutations from the Toronto board of trade as follows: "The Toronto board of trade extends its heartiest greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. May 1911 prove bigger and better than has been."

President H. G. Wilson in reply sent the following telegram: "The Victoria board of trade heartily reciprocates your New Year greetings, and hopes that you may abundantly share in our assured prosperity in 1911 and succeeding years."

President Wilson also dispatched letters to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Mr. William Mackenzie and Mr. C. M. Hays personally, giving them hearty greetings and expressing the hope that the successes of their respective railway

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