

BANDITS' WORK AT VANCOUVER

Two Robbers Hold Up Street Car—One Slightly Wounds Conductor and Secures His Wallet

SECOND FLEEES WITH CAR CONTROLLER

Grocery Store in Suburbs Also Held Up by Two Armed Men and Till Rifled of Its Contents

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13.—Two bandits armed with revolvers held up a Grandview car at an unfrequented spot on Boundary road tonight. The conductor, James Barker, resisted one robber and the latter fired at him, the bullet inflicting a slight scalp wound and embedding itself in the woodwork of the car.

A second robber held up the motor-man at revolver point, and when the shot fired at the conductor rang out this bandit also fled, taking with him the magnetic controller and rendering the car useless. The other robber secured the conductor's wallet and a considerable sum of money.

Another daring hold-up occurred tonight when two men entered Mr. G. H. Vears' grocery store at the corner of Carl avenue and Keefer street, held up two assistants in the store at the point of a revolver and rifled the till of \$40. Two assistants were closing the store up for the night when the two men entered. One of them, a small thick set man of middle age, pointed a revolver at the two clerks, threatening to blow their heads off if they made a noise, while his confederate, a young man of medium height, went to the till and emptied it of its contents. They then rushed out of the store. One of the clerks rushed out after them, but they rapidly outdistanced him and were lost in the darkness. The assailants are believed to be the same men who held up the street car.

TOO MUCH ENGLISH

Sir Gilbert Parker Needs Babush at the Hands of Irish Emigrants of Arizona Pioneer's Home

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Jan. 13.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the English novelist and member of parliament, who has been visiting here, met with a unique rebuff today at the Arizona pioneer home. All the inmates of the home, many of them grizzled old survivors of the early days of Arizona, had been presented to the novelist, excepting James O'Donnell, a veteran, and one of the earliest settlers of the new state.

When O'Donnell was introduced he asked: "Are you English?"

"Yes," replied the visitor.

"Then I won't shake hands," announced O'Donnell, "I am Irish. But I am half Irish myself," protested Sir Gilbert. "Shake hands."

"I never will shake hands as long as there is a drop of English blood in your veins," roared the pioneer. Sir Gilbert laughed good-naturedly, saying he would have a good story for E. O'Connor at home, but Major Doran, superintendent of the home, reported the incident to Governor Sloan and to the chief of staff of the army in Washington.

Mr. Armand Lavergne II

QUEBEC, Jan. 13.—Armand Lavergne, M. P., the young Nationalist lieutenant to Mr. Bourassa, who was operated on for appendicitis a few weeks ago, has had a relapse, and is very low, blood poisoning being feared.

Fuel and Food Short at Nome

NOME, Alaska, Jan. 12.—The coal shortage is becoming serious and in addition a meat shortage is threatened. Coal dealers say the supply of fuel will last only two months, and new supplies of coal and beef cannot be brought from Seattle until the opening of navigation in Bering sea in June. Most of the gold mines have shut down because of the coal shortage. Some of the larger companies are installing oil burners to enable them to run through the season, there being a plentiful supply of fuel oil in the camp. All saloons and the government buildings are using oil, and have given their coal to the people for distribution amongst the people to warm their homes. The cold has not been severe yet, the minimum temperature last night being 2 below.

G. F. B. Bonte Map

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The application for the C. F. R. route map of the North Vancouver branch was postponed today by consent.

Barriester Prosecuted

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—Information was sworn out against John T. Huggins, a prominent barrister, charging him in connection with land he sold to Charles Wilband and Isaac Yennick. The land is located near Duck Lake, B. C.

BYLAW DEFEATED

Point Grey Electors Reject Proposed Arrangement With B. C. Electric Municipal Officers

VANCOUVER, Jan. 13.—The polling in the municipalities surrounding Vancouver took place today. Chief interest centred in the Point Grey bylaw, granting a new franchise to the B. C. Electric Railway for the operation of a street car line in the municipality. This measure, which excited vigorous opposition for the past three weeks, was defeated by a large majority. Reeve Weart was re-elected in Burnaby, and Mr. J. A. Kerr gained similar office in South Vancouver over his opponents, Messrs. Hodgson and McBride. In Point Grey Mr. A. Harvey was re-elected.

Vancouver Mr. May was successful over Mr. McNaught. In the Fraser valley municipalities all the outgoing reeves were returned by acclamation.

Recall in Tacoma

TACOMA, Jan. 13.—Recall charges against Mayor W. W. Seymour were filed with the city clerk today by Herman Martin and Thos. A. Telford. The filing of the charges have been timed so that the recall election may be held at the same time as the primaries of the general municipal election on April 2nd. The filing of these charges is taken to mean that charges will also be filed against Commissioner Benjamin J. Weeks, of the department of light and water. Among other things, it is alleged the commissioner devotes his time to private business and has placed the city under the old spoils system, or that his election was illegal.

TAKES REVENGE ON AGED FATHER

Texan With Whose Wife Young Boyce Eloped to Winnipeg, Kills Latter's Parent Deliberately

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 13.—A G. Boyce, father of the man who was recently arrested in Winnipeg, Man., charged with abducting Mrs. J. B. Snead, was shot and killed today by J. B. Snead, a banker of Amarillo, Texas, husband of the woman with whom young Boyce is said to have eloped. Boyce, who was 70 years old, was staying in the lobby of a local hotel when Snead walked in.

According to witnesses, Snead walked up to the elder man, who asked him, bystanders declared: "Well, what are you going to do about it?" Snead muttered something in reply, and then fired two shots quickly. He hesitated an instant as the older man fell forward, and then fired three shots into Boyce's side.

Boyce was dying when others in the lobby, which was filled with people, reached him.

Snead immediately left the hotel, but was arrested a short time later as he was returning to the scene of the shooting. He refused to make a statement tonight. On his deathbed, Boyce made a statement declaring that he saw Snead once before today in the lobby of the hotel and avowed him.

The younger Boyce was arrested several weeks ago in Winnipeg, Mrs. Snead, who disappeared from a Fort Worth sanitarium and who was with him, also being detained. Mr. and Mrs. Snead were reconciled some days ago and returned to Texas. After the departure of Snead and his wife from Winnipeg, Boyce was released from custody, and today the local indictment charging him with abduction was ordered dismissed.

Still in Northwest

WINNIPEG, Jan. 13.—At Fort Worth, Texas, tonight, J. B. Snead shot and killed A. G. Boyce, father of the man who eloped to Winnipeg with Snead's wife, and who sensationally figured in deportation proceedings here last week. Young Boyce is in Edmonton district looking over land for ranching purposes. His disposition is such that he certainly will revenge his father's death.

Excitement in Spain

MADRID, Jan. 13.—Intense public excitement prevails over the refusal of royal clemency in the case of one of the seven men condemned to death by court-martial for killing a magistrate and two officials during the building strike riots at Cullera last September. Several deputations waited on the premier yesterday to solicit intervention with King Alfonso. The premier promised to summon a cabinet council to take the case under advisement. Deputations also waited on the king, who told them he would consult with his ministers. It is feared there will be a popular outbreak if the man is not reprieved.

Saskatchewan Rhodes Scholar

REGINA, Jan. 13.—David Neil Hosel, of Moose Jaw, was today appointed Rhodes scholar for Saskatchewan. He is a noted medalist in studies and a splendid athlete.

Caught in Ice

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Fifty-two passengers remained icebound on two lake steamers five miles out of Chicago harbor today, 72 hours after they ran aground on floating ice which made further progress impossible.

CHINESE CRISIS IS APPROACHING

Failure to Reach Settlement During Coming Week Likely to Usher in Reign of Terror and Bloodshed

REPUBLICANS FEEL SURE OF SUCCESS

Preparations to Advance on Capital—Proposed Arrangements for Safety of Members of Imperial Family

NANKING, China, Jan. 13.—The close of the fourth month, the outbreak brings the Chinese revolution to another turning point. The coming week will probably show whether order is to be restored or hostilities to be re-opened after a six-weeks' armistice. In the latter event the bloodshed and reign of terror probably will far exceed any previous period. A review of the situation to the south of the River Yangtze shows that the republican position has been strengthened materially. Dr. Sun Yat Sen is rapidly completing his provisional government and the organization of the different departments.

Since the organization of the republican government war minister Huang Bing has been extremely busy. Orders he has just issued show that preparations are completed for an advance of republican troops to the north if the armistice is not renewed. They will move forward along the front from Huan to Shanghai, converging on Peking.

The republicans assert that the finances are not giving them any anxiety. They have conceded everything possible to the Manchus, and that responsibility for the assumption of hostilities must rest on Premier Yuan Shi Kai.

The only differences now appear to concern the regulations governing the election of delegates to the national convention and the procedure of its sessions. If Premier Yuan Shi Kai insists on his conditions being accepted in their entirety peace will be impossible.

Transports Seized

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13.—The Republican government chartered today ten merchant steamers for the transportation of troops. Their destination is reported to be Chifu. Six of the transports are now at Wu Sung, taking on stores and ammunition. The transport will be escorted by six cruisers commanded by a republican admiral.

To Protect Imperial Family

PEKING, Jan. 13.—The Emperor Dowager, recognizing that the government is powerless without foreign financial assistance, of which there is no hope, has asked Yuan Shi Kai to conclude the best possible arrangement in connection with the retirement of the imperial family.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai, Hsu Shih Chang vice-president of the privy council. (Continued on Page Two.)

FEAR OF FLOOD AFTER FROST

Chinook Wind and Warm Rain Melting Snow in Oregon and Washington—Willamette Overflows

TROUBLE EXPECTED ALONG RIVERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—Reports from Willamette River points and from Eastern Oregon indicate that the next 24 to 40 hours will bring flood waters to many localities. A heavy downpour of rain and a warm wind is melting the snow all over the state and in the foothills and mountain ranges. The Willamette River has overflowed its banks in several places, and navigation from Portland to points on the upper Willamette temporarily is closed because the locks at Oregon City cannot be operated on account of the high state of the river. No serious damage has resulted so far, either in the Willamette Valley or in Eastern Oregon, but the water rapidly is approaching the danger point in several places.

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—A chinook wind is melting the snow in the mountains. Rivers are rising rapidly, and trouble is feared. Reports from the summit of the Cascade range say the snow, which was 11 feet deep, is disappearing under the influence of the warm winds. Transcontinental trains which had been held up three days by snow in the mountains began arriving today.

SEATTLE MAYORALTY

Five Men Get Their Names Before Voters of Primary Election—Former Mayor Gill Candidate

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—With the filing of the nomination petitions of three candidates today there are now five men in the race for mayor, two of whom are Socialists. The men who filed today are former state senator George F. Cotterill, a Democrat, Dr. Edwin J. Brown, a dentist and Socialist leader, and Eulet M. Wells, a clerk in the city light department and editor of a Socialist paper.

The other candidates are former Mayor Hiram C. Gill, who was recalled last winter and then Parish state tax commissioner, who it is believed will have the support of the Republican organization.

The municipal election is conducted on non-partisan lines, and at the primary next month all but two of the candidates will be eliminated, the two having the highest votes appearing on the ballot at the general election in March. The Socialists will hold a convention tomorrow night, when they will decide which of their candidates to support.

Dance from Toothache

CALGARY, Jan. 13.—Driven temporarily despondent by aching teeth, a prominent business man went suddenly insane on Eighth street tonight. He threw himself down and tried to beat his head against the pavement, all the while yelling "My teeth, my teeth." He was picked up and taken to a drug store, and a physician restored him to his senses.

SCHOONER CREW FACING DEATH

Seven Men and One Woman on Little Vessel Supposed to be Sinking Off Humboldt Bay, California

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 13.—A crew of seven men and a woman are threatened with death aboard the American schooner C. A. Thayer, which lies to-night 20 miles off Humboldt bay, leaking badly and momentarily in danger of sinking.

Owing to the roughness of the Humboldt bay the schooner's calls for help so far have not been answered, as a heavy fog, combined with the rising sea, makes it extremely perilous for a tug to try venturing out. The schooner is too far distant for life savers to render aid.

The first intimation of the Thayer's plight reached Eureka at 7 p. m. when a wireless message was received from the steamer President reporting that the schooner was in distress and asking that a tug be sent to her assistance. The President, believing that aid would be despatched to the vessel, proceeded on her course. The Table Bluff government wireless station reported at 3 a. m. that the President had steamed off and that with her departure all communication with the sinking schooner had been lost.

The last message given by the President was that the Thayer was settling low in the water, and was in urgent need of help. A tug was prepared to go to the schooner's relief at the first news of the disaster, but it was found impossible to cross the bar while the fog held.

The little boat is standing in readiness, however, to make a dash for the open sea the instant the mist clears away.

The Thayer left Gray's harbor nine days ago bound for San Pedro with 400,000 feet of lumber. It is judged by the meager wireless reports that the vessel struck one of the gales which have been raging off the coast recently, and that the heavy buffeting of the sea opened her seams. The trouble grew rapidly worse, and the vessel soon became waterlogged and unmanageable.

The Thayer is too far out to be in the course of vessels running into Humboldt Bay, but other coastwise vessels probably will be in the vicinity of the distressed boat some time tonight. Unless the tug here is able to clear the bar tonight, it will proceed to sea with the first streaks of daylight.

The Thayer was built on Humboldt Bay in 1895 and has been steadily engaged in the coasting trade.

Milder Weather

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—The eight-day cold spell reached its maximum at 7 a. m. today, when the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero (official). By noon it had risen 21 degrees, between 9 and 10 o'clock going up a degree every six minutes, and at 10 o'clock tonight the difference from 7 a. m. was 32 degrees. Eastern Canada continues very cold and shows no inclination of a change.

Mr. Lawson's Success

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Chairman Stanley, of the house steel committee, received a telegram today from Thomas W. Lawson of Boston criticising and suggesting a further inquiry into the cost of armor plate furnished the government. Mr. Lawson said "he spoke on behalf of the multi-millionaires, the billionnaires and the soon-to-be trillionaires, the superior or upper classes of the United States."

SOCIALIST GAIN IN ELECTIONS

Secure Several Seats in German Reichstag Formerly Held by Other Parties—Details of Returns Given

MANY REBALLOTS ARE NECESSARY

Radicals May Recover Strength They Had Apparently Lost—Government Organ Gives Warning to Country

BERLIN, Jan. 13.—A late analysis of the situation gives some reason to believe that the Radicals, after the rebaloting, may return to the Reichstag in nearly their former strength. They will participate in 54 re-ballots, and it is estimated that their chances are good to win in 49, possible in 53. The victories would include four seats now held by the Conservatives and two each from the National Liberals, the Center and the Socialists. The Radicals are assisted in their fight by the fact that the National Liberals and the Socialists support them in preference to either the Center or the Conservatives, while the latter support them against the Socialists.

The North German Gazette today heads its column with warnings to the government and to all the non-Socialist parties to make strong efforts in the second ballots against the return of Socialist candidates. The Socialists, it says, exercise turbulent terrorism at home and build up a vision of the general fratricidalization of the peoples of the world. The foreign enemies and rivals of the German Empire, the newspaper continues, build their hopes upon the Socialists and will rejoice if they add to their victories in the second ballots.

In conclusion the article says: "Our work for peace can only prosper if we keep ourselves strong and united as a nation. Among the first tasks of the new Reichstag will be the guaranteeing of our defensive powers, and the party calling itself internationalist is incapable of meeting this most important demand."

The election results, with only 47 districts missing, are as follows: Socialists, seats won, 61, a net gain of 24. Re-ballots, 113.

Conservatives, seats won, 32, a net loss of 13. Re-ballots, 67.

Centrists, seats won, 92, a net loss of 6. Re-ballots, 59.

National Liberals, seats won, 4, a net loss of 13. Re-ballots, 52.

Radicals, seats won, none, a net loss of 12. Re-ballots, 51.

The Socialist gains appear to be mainly at the expense of the Radicals, who are greatly disappointed at their showing.

Caught in Snowdrifts

PENDELTON, Ore., Jan. 13.—The body of John Narkaus, a rancher who was overwhelmed in a snowdrift near Wenah Springs, on Monday, was recovered last night and brought to this city.

NEW CABINET IN FORMATION

M. Raymond Poincare Accepts Position of Premier and Succeeds in Securing Several Colleagues

SOME PORTFOLIOS YET TO BE FILLED

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Raymond Poincare has practically succeeded in framing a new cabinet. As far as arranged up to midnight, the cabinet will be composed as follows: Premier and minister of foreign affairs—M. Poincare.

Minister of justice—Aristide Briand. Minister of labor—Leon Bourgeois. Minister of war—Alexander Millerand.

Minister of marine—Theophile Delcasse.

Minister of finance—L. L. Klotz. Minister of the interior—Jules Steeg.

Minister of public works—Jean Dupuy.

Minister of agriculture—Jules Pams. Minister of colonies—M. Lebrun. The portfolios of public instruction, commerce and the various under secretariats remain to be apportioned, and there is some possibility that a shift may be made before the composition of the cabinet is decided officially.

CAUGHT IN PORCUPINE

Toronto Stock Exchange Firm of E. R. Warren & Co. Is Forced to Suspend Payment

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—The stock exchange firm of E. R. Warren & Co. suspended payment today, with \$125,000 liabilities. The firm has been heavily interested in Porcupine shares, and a slump in these is said to account for the failure. Some time ago Mr. Warren joined a syndicate which bought the Davidson claim in the Porcupine district, and turned it over to a crown chartered company, taking stock in payment. The firm has since then been endeavoring to make a market for the stock, and failure to do so, due entirely to a general collapse of the Porcupine stocks, is believed to have been the final cause of their suspension.

Another factor in causing the suspension is believed to have been the drain of the New York office, which the firm has been maintaining at a big expense.

Victim of Frost

CALGARY, Jan. 13.—John Dawson, who was found badly frozen on the prairie on New Year's day, died at the hospital tonight. He did not survive the shock of the amputation of his arms and legs.

Fire at Lepor Colony

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 13.—The administration building at the Massachusetts leper colony on Penikese Island, at the entrance of the bay, was burned today, causing a loss of \$10,000. None of the other buildings were in danger.

FRENCH LINE WILL CALL HERE

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique Will Bring Large Steamers Through Panama Canal on Opening of Traffic

"The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique will have the first passenger and freight steamship line with steamers of from 7000 to 9000 tons register with speed of about 15 or 16 knots running through the Panama canal to the North Pacific; the Austro-American line and the Faber line will also have steamship lines running through the canal."

Mr. S. B. Fugazi of Fugazi Bros. Pacific Coast managers for the three lines, who arrived in Victoria yesterday, to make investigations of the trade possibilities and port facilities to report to the French line.

"There will be a great shipping trade when the Panama canal opens," said Mr. Fugazi, "and many lines are preparing to enter it. The companies which my firm represents will send lines out to San Francisco soon after the canal opens, and will doubtless be the first passenger line in service through the canal. Steamers of the type of La Bretagne or La Champagne, vessels of over 7000 tons, about 560 feet long, now used in the Atlantic passenger trade, will probably be used. The line will on its establishment run to San Francisco, but I have not the slightest doubt that it will extend to the north, and that Victoria will be a port of call. Any steamship lines coming north must needs call at Victoria. The Austro-American line will probably send its steamers of Laura, Alice, Argentine and Vesuvius of that type, and the Faber line would doubtless send steamers of the type of the Roma.

"I have visited Portland, Seattle and Tacoma en route to Victoria, and at all ports there is a brisk anticipation of the great development which will follow the opening of the canal, and energetic steps are being taken to make ready for this trade.

It will be an immense trade. Many lines are looking to it for business, and when the canal is open many new lines will establish without delay. The Scandinavian lines, the Swedish-Johnston owners, has had its representatives on the coast, and this company will establish a line. The Hamburg-American line is coming, and the North German Lloyd, which is practically already in the service with its Kosmos liners, will run through the Panama canal.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique will be early in this trade. Mr. Henri Halphen, the special agent of this line, who was recently in San Francisco, visited the canal, San Salvador and other Central American points, Mexican ports and he was convinced that a great business could be done. I look for the French company to be the first to send passenger steamers to San Francisco.

"There will be a big passenger travel. The emigrants from the Mediterranean for the Pacific coast will doubtless come in droves on the passenger steamers, and the Faber line, which will have a service from the Mediterranean will no doubt carry many. The south of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey and the Oriental countries, Syria and the Levant generally will send droves of immigrants on these steamers. What rate can be given for this class of travel cannot be said at present, but it will undoubtedly be lower than the railroads can offer. The Faber line now runs from Naples and Marseilles to New York, and I have no doubt that a new service will be maintained to the Pacific coast direct from the Mediterranean via the Panama canal by this company."

G. T. PACIFIC TO ISSUE STOCK

Company Must Now Do Its Own Financing in Order to Complete Construction and Secure Equipment

NEEDS TO RAISE \$25,000,000

New Government Understood to Have Refused Further Aid from Public Treasury, as Applied for

OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—It is learned today through official channels that the Grand Trunk Pacific railway will seek legislation at the present session empowering the company to issue additional debenture stock, perpetual or terminable, up to a total of five million pounds. This means that following the change of government, the Grand Trunk Pacific is being called upon to do its own financing, without throwing additional burdens upon the country.

It is an open secret that the company wanted the government to help out, and it is evident from the movement now being made that the government declined. The company needs an additional fifteen million dollars to complete its railway, purchase rolling stock, construct branch lines, etc.

President Hays and the company preferred to get the money by way of a government loan, as they got ten millions three years ago. The new government being formed is to be less indulgent than the old, the company is a further issue of debenture stock necessary.

MISSIONARIES SAFE

Party of Canadian Methodists Arrive at Shanghai After Prolonged Journey from Chungking

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—A cable received today from Shanghai from the Canadian missionary, F. Lewman, announces the safe arrival of 25 Canadian Methodist missionaries from Chungking in far western Sze Chuen province after a trip of 2,550 miles through the hottest centre of revolutionary activity. The party were fired upon repeatedly, but only one injured. For four months before leaving they had been besieged in Chentu, which is the capital of a province of seventy million people. It is feared that the valuable mission buildings of the Canadian Methodist church have been destroyed since the missionaries left.

Turkey's Politics

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 13.—The constitutional amendment bill has been thrown out of the chamber of deputies, the government being able to muster only 124 votes today out of the 188 votes necessary for its passage. The government will proceed with the dissolution of parliament. The Unionists think this is favorable for new elections. The parliamentary situation in Constantinople has been critical practically since the outbreak of the war. A bill was introduced in the chamber of deputies early in December providing that the sultan may dissolve parliament in time of war. This was attacked by members of the opposition, and stormy scenes have accompanied the debate. The Unionists decided to provoke a dissolution of the chamber at all costs.

Prize Fight Test

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—A test case to ascertain whether or not local athletic clubs which have been pulling on alleged prize fights weekly during the past six months are within their rights will be made by the police authorities next week, following a bout between Jim Flynn and A. L. Kubak on Wednesday night at Riverside rink. If the bouts are against the law the chief of police is determined to stop them.

Farm Machinery for Siberia

SEATTLE, Jan. 13.—Twenty-seven carloads of American farm machinery are being loaded on the steamship Teucer and Strathloun for shipment to Siberia via Vladivostok. Shipping men scoff at the rumors that Russia contemplates exclusion of American farm machinery in retaliation for abrogation of the treaty between the two nations.

POWERS ARRESTED

Express Messenger Who Disappeared with \$70,000 Found in Winnipeg Suburb—Money Missing

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—At the home of a friend in St. James, a suburb in the west end of the city, detectives arrested this evening George Powers, the missing Canadian Express company's messenger, who disappeared yesterday morning with \$70,000, which he was entrusted with to deliver to the banks. He had only \$300 on him, and he was still under the influence of liquor and could not give a clear statement as to where he had "planted" the money. His whereabouts was found out by shadowing his wife. Powers is an American by birth, and is aged 32.