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AUTO THUGS HAUL VICTIMS AROUND

Pittsburgers Looted and Then Thrown Into Taxi

HOLDUPS ARE SPECTACULAR

Tale of Robbery and Kidnaping That Rivals Doings of Paris Desperadoes. Men Are Masked and Armed. The East End of Pittsburg was the scene of one of the most spectacular series of holdups ever enacted in that city.

After ordering a taxicab three men leaped up the chauffeur, pushed him in the taxi and then started on a wholesale robbery and kidnaping expedition.

Their booty netted them over \$200 in money and valuables. The robbers rode up and down a number of East End streets picking up their victims along the way, whom they held up, looted and then hustled into the taxi and made away with.

Three prominent East End men were taken in, besides the chauffeur. The victims are: Charles E. Succop, treasurer of the Independent Brewing company, vice president of the German Savings and Deposit company.

James G. Weldon, buyer for the Weldon and Kelly Plumbing Supply company. Oscar F. Grant, agent for the Arrott estate.

J. G. Scott, chauffeur for the Pullman Taxicab company. The taxi was ordered over the telephone to be used by a party of three. The person at the telephone said the party would be waiting for the machine.

J. G. Scott was directed to fill the order. When he arrived at the corner three men were awaiting him. Two of them, he says, jumped into the car before it was stopped and the other ordered him to take them to Verona.

About a mile out the Verona road Scott says he was ordered to stop and two of the men got out of the taxi. Scott was ordered to dismount and held up on the spot. He was relieved of \$6 at the point of a revolver. He says the men were then masked.

Thrusting their guns into his face they ordered him into the machine, where he was blindfolded and his hands tied. Two of the robbers, he says, climbed into the car with him and the third got on the front and the taxi was turned around and started back to the city.

The next victim picked up was Mr. Succop. He was within 200 feet of his residence when he was overtaken by the taxi. Two masked men jumped from it, thrusting revolvers into his face. One of them said:

"Get in there! And be quick about it, or we'll blow your brains out. You're a passenger."

Mr. Succop says he got into the car, where he found the chauffeur tied and blindfolded. He was likewise blindfolded and then robbed. The two thugs took \$60 in cash, a gold watch and chain valued at \$40, a diamond scarf pin valued at \$20 and a pair of cuff links. The occupants of the car, he says, cautioned him against making any outcry.

It was over an hour before another stop was made. Mr. Weldon was walking along Howe street. At Howe and Negley three automobiles were lined up along the sidewalk. He says that as he passed the group two men jumped from the middle one and appeared to be looking for a house number. He stepped up to them and he discovered they were both masked and carried revolvers. He was likewise ordered into the car.

"I thought they were just joking," said Mr. Weldon, "and so I told them it was money they wanted I would give them all they wanted. I was shoved into the taxi and told if I made a noise I would be shot. I then knew it was serious business. I found two blindfolded men in the taxi, beside whom I was shoved. Then I was blindfolded and bound hand and foot and the two who thrust me inside the cab went through my clothes."

About \$8 in cash, a gold watch and chain and other jewelry, all valued at about \$80, was taken from Mr. Weldon.

Another stop was made and an unsuccessful effort was attempted to force Oscar F. Grant, aged fifty, in the taxi. Grant resisted and was hit over the head with the butt of a revolver. He was left in the snow unconscious. He is not seriously hurt.

German Journalist Dies. William Rosenthal, ninety years old, one of the oldest newspaper men in the United States, died in Reading, Pa. In his long career he published several weeklies in the German language. He was widely known in German-American circles.

Two Blown to Pieces. William Kennedy and Thomas Allison were blown to pieces near Downingtown, Pa., by the explosion of dynamite which they were thawing out for use in road repair work. Kennedy was a farmer and contractor.

Yeggs Loot Postoffice. The Cochran postoffice, about ten miles from Meadville, Pa., was entered by yeggsmen who blew the safe in the inner office. Everything of value was taken.

Hangs Self With Bedclothes. Making a rope of his bedclothes, Alexander Savelchik, aged thirty-one, of the city home in Pittsburg, committed suicide by hanging himself in bed. He was found in a sitting position.

Opera Singer Who Has Sued Husband For Divorce



MME. SCHUMANN-HEINK.

REBELS LEAVE; OJINAGA SAFE

Fail to Take Town After Week of Fighting

Marfa, Tex., Jan. 6.—Major MacNamee, commanding the United States army at Presidio, wires that the rebels have divided into three sections and are hurrying their army from Ojinaga. No reason is given.

Having failed after a week's assault to take the town, they are probably withdrawing for a rest, reinforcements and more food and to await the coming of Pancho Villa, their commander.

The disappearance of the rebels from Ojinaga followed the hardest fighting of the week's siege. Toward the last the rebels made tremendous assaults upon the federal strength in their fortifications, using artillery, cavalry and infantry with terrible effect, but without dislodging the enemy.

General Iseiz Salazar of the federal command made a charge against the rebels when he discovered an opening in their ranks and nearly demoralized them by getting between the two rebel wings. He captured several prisoners and executed them. This resulted in a withdrawal of the rebels and the assault was not renewed, although the sharpshooters of the two armies continued their exchange of shots.

The rebel casualties have been heavier than those of the federals in the week's fighting, but the federals have lost more officers than the rebels. So far as known the total killed and wounded will not be over 600. Some estimates place them higher, but this is believed to be conservative.

REYBURN DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Disease Fells Former Mayor of Philadelphia.

John Edgar Reyburn, former mayor of Philadelphia, died in Washington last Sunday. Heart failure caused his death. Mr. Reyburn was aged sixty-eight and was a native of New Carlisle, O.

Mr. Reyburn's death was very sudden and was a severe shock to his family and friends here. He had been in excellent health.

Mr. Reyburn had served in the Pennsylvania house of representatives and senate and also several terms in congress, representing the Fourth Pennsylvania district. He served as mayor of Philadelphia from 1907 to 1911.

Dr. Mitchell Passes Away. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, noted author and physician, died at his home in Philadelphia. Death was due to an acute attack of grip, the seriousness of which was accentuated by his advanced age, eighty-five years.

BORROWS MONEY TO DIE

Grondek Buys Revolver and Kills Himself; Leaves Change.

Stanley Grondek, aged twenty-eight, of Johnstown, Pa., married four months, borrowed \$5 from his wife, bought a pistol and shot himself through the heart in his rooming house. He paid \$3 for the pistol and returned \$2 to his wife. When she asked what he had done with the rest he said he lent it to a friend. The body was found in a chair. The pistol was in his right hand and beside him lay a note.

"I love my wife and have always been happy with her, but I've got to go." No reason can be determined for the suicide.

Hangs Self With Bedclothes. Making a rope of his bedclothes, Alexander Savelchik, aged thirty-one, of the city home in Pittsburg, committed suicide by hanging himself in bed. He was found in a sitting position.

SEE STIMULUS TO BUSINESS

Bankers Comment Favorably on Morgan Firm's Step

CORPORATE CORDS SEVERED

That a Long Step in Advance Has Been Made Is Consensus of Opinion of Gotham Financiers' Radical Move.

That the voluntary and decisive action of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. in taking the initiative in adjusting conditions that has brought the firm under a steady fire of public criticism will result in a greatly improved business situation is the opinion of New York bankers.

The dominant note in the comments of bankers was that the action of the Morgan firm was a long step in advance and that it meant that big business was meeting the government and public sentiment more than half way.

The opportunity of taking advantage of changed sentiment regarding directorships in order to carry out their own preference in the matter is the reason for the sweeping policy of withdrawals from corporate directorships of the Morgan house.

In the announcement J. P. Morgan said that he and his four partners had retired from thirty directorships in twenty-seven of the strongest corporations in which they were represented.

They have withdrawn completely in official capacity from the New Haven, the New York Central and the American Telephone and Telegraph, three of their leading interests.

The principal companies in which directorship is retained are: Among industrialists: United States Steel corporation, International Harvester and International Mercantile Marine.

Among railroads: Northern Pacific, Lehigh Valley and several small lines which were reorganized and in which the firm has therefore a direct responsibility.

Membership in boards of leading banks and trust companies is retained by at least one member of the firm. G. F. Baker, chairman of the board of directors of the First National bank, who is regarded as the successor of the late J. P. Morgan as financial leader through his long held position of eminence in the boards of fifty-seven of the most powerful corporations of the country, announced informally following the Morgan declaration that he intended to retire from as many boards as he could.

OCEAN CLEARS UP MYSTERY

Body of Jessie McCann Thrown on Coney Island Beach.

The body of Miss Jessie Evelyn McCann, the missing settlement worker of Brooklyn, has been found. High waves washed it up on the shore at Coney Island at a point not more than ten feet from where she was last seen alive late in the afternoon of Dec. 4.

There were no signs of violence on the body, according to physicians who examined it, and the police have no clue as to the manner in which she drowned.

Long immersion had made the features unrecognizable, but identification of the young woman by her family was made possible by a signet ring with the initials "J. E. M." and by articles of clothing Miss McCann wore the day she disappeared.

WHEAT RECORD BROKEN

All Crops Good—Year 1913 Banner One, Says Trade Agency.

Dun's Review of Trade says this week: "At the opening of the new year it is gratifying to note that 1913 was the most successful period from an agricultural standpoint that this country has ever witnessed. Notwithstanding adverse climatic conditions the total yield of wheat surpassed all former records and while the corn crop fell considerably below the banner production of the preceding year higher prices more than compensated for any loss in output. Consequently, the value of the nation's farm products reached unparalleled totals, while the export trade of the United States in those staples touched figures never before attained."

PRESIDENT HOLDS SECRET

Conference With Lind May Never Be Made Public.

President Wilson sacrificed not a molecule of the air of mystery with which he has surrounded the conference of Gullport, Miss., with Confidential Agent John Lind, special adviser to the American embassy at Mexico City.

The president boarded the revenue cutter Winona, sailed out into the Gulf of Mexico and boarded the United States scout cruiser Chester, which had transported Mr. Lind from Vera Cruz. The conference was held in the admiral's cabin of the Chester. Its purport may not be given to the public at all.

Schmidt Jury Disagrees. Realizing it was hopeless to keep the jurymen together longer after they had failed to reach a decision in the Hans Schmidt murder case Judge Foster discharged the panel.

Speaker's Daughter Makes Her Debut to Society



Photo by American Press Association. MISS GENEVIEVE CLARK.

The formal presentation of Miss Genevieve Clark, only daughter of the speaker of the house of representatives and Mrs. Clark, took place with the New Year's reception held at the home of her parents in Washington.

REAL WHITE HOPE IS SMITH

Knocks Out Arthur Pelkey in the Fifteenth Round.

Gunboat Smith is America's best heavyweight. With a powerful right cross to the jaw he knocked Arthur Pelkey down in the fifteenth round of their championship mill at Daley City near San Francisco and when the dazed man unsteadily arose a rushing left to the back of the head toppled him over again.

This time Pelkey was stretched full length on the canvas. He rolled over, finally resting with one knee on the canvas when Referee Griffin counted him out.

NOW HAS WIRELESS CELLAR

Biddle Throws Bottled Goods Out of His Home.

A. J. Drexel-Biddle, founder of the Drexel-Biddle Bible classes, has started the new year by throwing away the contents of the wine cellar at his home in Philadelphia.

Mr. Biddle said he had decided that a man was better off in every way if he left liquor alone, but he had no criticism to make of moderate drinkers. Years ago Mr. Biddle told friends he drank a quart of whisky a day.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Pittsburg, Jan. 6. Cattle—Choice, \$8.60@8.85; prime, \$8.40@8.60; good, \$8.15@8.35; fair, \$7.75@7.75; common, \$6.50@7; heifers, \$5.60@8; common to good fat cows, \$4.50@7.50; common to good fat bulls, \$3.50@7; fresh cows and springers, \$6.00@9. Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, \$5.60@5.75; good mixed, \$5.10@5.50; fair mixed, \$4.50@5; culls and common, \$3@3.50; lambs, \$5.50@8.50; veal calves, \$1.15@1.25; heavy and thin calves, \$7@8. Hogs—Prime heavy and heavy mixed, \$8.65@8.70; mediums, heavy Yorkers and pigs, \$8.70@8.75; roughs, \$7.50@7.90; stags, \$6.75@7.25. Cleveland, Jan. 6. Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$7.50@8; good to choice, \$7@7.50; choice heifers, \$6.50@7; milchers and springers, \$6@8.50. Hogs—Yorkers, \$8.40; mixed, \$8.35@8.40; heavies, \$8.25; pigs and common, \$8.40; stags, \$6.50@6.75. Sheep—Mixed, \$4.75@5.25; bucks, \$3.50@4.50; culls, \$2@4. Calves—Good to choice, \$12@12.50; heavy and common, \$6@9.50. Chicago, Jan. 6. Hogs—Receipts, 4,000. Bulk of sales, \$8.10@8.25; light, \$7.90@8.22 1/2; mixed, \$7.50@8.20; heavy, \$7.90@8.35; rough, \$7.90@8; pigs, \$7@8. Cattle—Receipts, 23,000. Beves, \$6.70@9.30; Texas steers, \$6.90@7.90; stockers and feeders, \$5@5.45; cows and heifers, \$3.50@8.50; calves, \$7@11.50. Sheep—Receipts, 33,000; generally steady. Native, \$4.75@6.10; yearlings, \$6.85@7.10; lambs, native, \$6.70@8.25. Wheat—May, 91 1/2. Corn—May, 67 1/2. Oats—May, 40 1/2. East Buffalo, Jan. 6. Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.75@9; shipping, \$7.85@8.60; butchers, \$7@7.50; cows, \$3.75@7.25; bulls, \$5@7.25; heifers, \$6@8; stock heifers, \$5.25@7.75; stockers and feeders, \$5.50@7; fresh cows and springers, \$3.50@9. Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$8.65; Yorkers, \$8.55@8.75; pigs, \$8.70@8.75; dairies, \$8.50@8.75. Sheep—Lambs, \$5.50@6.65; yearlings, \$6@7.50; wethers, \$5.75@6.25; ewes, \$3@5.50; sheep, mixed, \$5.25@5.75.

OIL SHIP SINKS WITH 22 MEN

Oklahoma Bested by Seas; Only Eight Rescued

HEAVY STORM ALONG COAST

New Jersey Shores Smashed by Heavy Combers Which, Together With Record Tide, Does Great Damage.

New York, Jan. 6.—The tank steamer in trouble off Sandy Hook was the Oklahoma and twenty-two of her crew perished. Eight were saved. This was the substance of wireless messages received here.

Although several vessels were standing by the distressed tank liner, the Hamburg American line freighter Bavaria, bound from Philadelphia to Boston, was the only one able to render assistance.

The Oklahoma was owned by the Gulf Refining company, was 2,795 tons net burdea and 419 feet long. She left here Saturday for Port Arthur, Texas.

In announcing the saving of part of the Oklahoma's crew the Bavaria added that the vessel had not sunk entirely, but was partly submerged and drifting helplessly.

Among those who sailed on the Oklahoma and who are believed to be lost is Captain Loring A. Cates of Boston, former commander of the steamship Ligonier. Captain Cates was aboard as a passenger on his way to take command of another vessel. The Oklahoma was valued at \$700,000. John Kennedy, superintendent of the marine department of the Gulf Refining company, said he could not conceive how the ship could have gone down in bad weather. She was equipped perfectly and in good condition, he said, when she left.

Five lives are known to have been lost and more than \$1,000,000 in damage done by the storm which raged from Portland, Me., to Norfolk, Va.

The New Jersey coast suffered the greatest damage, but with the shifting of the wind from northeast to due north the high water which threatened to wash away many houses on the New Jersey coast partially subsided. At almost every point the rain changed to snow.

Storm ridden and dismantled Sea Bright struggled for its very existence against the Atlantic.

All that fringe of fine summer cottages on the ocean's edge was in peril of destruction. If the ocean had had its way the town would have gone back to the fishing hamlet from which it sprang. A half dozen of the smaller houses were swept away while the hotels were undamaged.

Furious pounding by the combers destroyed nine cottages in Longport, where the damage is estimated at \$30,000.

The total loss on the island is placed at about \$100,000, with Atlantic City and Ventnor City sustaining the least damage.

MARTIAL LAW CONDEMNED

Senate Probers Flay Officials of West Virginia.

Senator Borah in Washington made public the report of the subcommittee bearing on the reign of martial law in the cabin and Paint Creek coal mine regions of West Virginia from September, 1912, to June, 1913. A senate committee of investigation of which Senator Borah was a member went into West Virginia and conducted hearings.

The authorities are severely arraigned in the report, which is given out as a "statement of fact" by the senator, although the full committee has not indorsed it. The martial law section of the report was put in charge of Borah.

Sensor Borah's statement holds that the military authorities, acting under the direction of the governor, superseded all constitutional courts in West Virginia, imposed sentences not authorized by any standing laws and took over all the duties of the civil courts of the district, and that at the time such martial law was being enforced there was no evidence that the civil courts had been intimidated or that they would have failed to perform their duties faithfully.

URGES PRECAUTION

State Mine Chief Wants All Violations Reported.

Letters have been sent to the general superintendents and general managers of every coal company in Pennsylvania by James E. Roderick, state chief of mines, urging them to take measures to reduce by 50 per cent the number of accidents.

In the same mail the chief sent letters to the mine inspectors of the state service directing them to notify the department at once if they had that suggestions for safety are not being followed out. In case of persistent violation of directions for safety the inspectors are instructed to institute suits. In his letter to the mining officers Chief Roderick says:

"The most prolific causes of accidents inside the mines are falls, cave-ins, gas, falling into shafts or slopes, suffocation and explosion. During the first eleven months of 1913 110 lives were lost inside the mines as against 463 for the first eleven months of 1912."

Why?

Explanation of Colors of Leaves. In extremely moist atmosphere the color of the leaves are not usually very bright as in England. And in very dry climates the leaves dry up suddenly, and their skin, which is very thick to prevent the escape of moisture, is not sufficiently transparent to allow the color to be seen beneath. In regions where the autumn foliage is most vivid we find that an average season produces the most exquisite colors. Neither a very dry nor a very wet summer will result in much brilliancy.

Marriage Made Easy.

Gretna Green, Scotland, became famous for its celebration of irregular marriages. For many years the average number was five hundred. The ceremony consisted only of an admission, before witnesses, by the couple that they were husband and wife, this being sufficient to constitute a valid marriage. After this the officiating functionary (for many years a blacksmith), together with two witnesses, signed the marriage certificate.

Origin of the Bath Towel.

A towel manufacturer found that his machinery was not working right and that his towels were suffering a vast tangling of the threads. While adjusting the machine he used one of the damaged towels to dry his hands. He found it pleasingly absorbent, and from the idea to which that gave rise was born the bath towel and a fortune to the patentee.

Not for Her.

The verger of a large church, seeing an old woman in one of the seats reserved for some important persons, beckoned her to come out. But just at that moment the organ started playing. The old woman, never having been in a church containing an organ, started him and the congregation by calling: "Ha, man, get somebody younger; my dancing days are past."

One Member All Right.

Little Edith, aged three, was supposed to take her afternoon nap, a thing she dreaded very much. Her mother came into the room, but Edith pretended she was sleeping. Her mother could tell by the unsteadiness of her eyes that she wasn't sleeping, and said: "Mamma knows you aren't sleeping." "Well, I isn't sleeping, but my eyes is."

Without the Letter "E."

The following verse contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter "e," which is the letter more frequently used than any other: A jovial swain may rack his brain, And tan his fancy's might; To quiz is vain, for 'tis most plain, That what I say is right.

Women Win Rich Prizes.

Twelve first-class prizes for excellence in the mediaeval and modern languages at Cambridge university, England, have been awarded this year to women. Prizes of the same class and for the same subjects were given to only eight men.

Retail Market Disturbed.

English growers are finding it more profitable to send their lavender to market in bunches, instead of selling to perfume makers, the result being a surprising rise in the price of oil of lavender.

Body Blow.

A Maryland man eloped with his sweetheart's twin by mistake, and is now happy. This will be a body blow for the soul-matists.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Flowers Dyed.

At a recent wedding in New York, says an exchange, the bridesmaids carried bunches of chrysanthemums which had been dyed exactly to match their gowns.

Use of the Horse.

Owing to the advancement of science it would be possible to get along without horses now, if it were not for the necessity of having a few of them at the annual horse shows.

Divisions of the World.

Roughly speaking, the world is divided into two classes of people—the people who can shut doors and the people who cannot.

True Patriotism.

Patriotism is not boastfulness nor the depreciation of other nations. The patriot is he who is so patriotic that he is not proclaimed.

Easy to Pronounce.

The easiest word to pronounce in the English language is said to be "murmur." It is simply an expulsion of the breath repeated.

Why?

Why is it that the average man is always willing to spend \$5 worth of time trying to get a 40-cent reduction in his gas bill?

Of the Same Shape.