

# BANDIT IS SLAIN IN TRAIN HOLDUP

Passengers on I. C. Fast Mail  
Robbed by Twin Brothers  
Near Kankakee, Ill.

## SECOND OUTLAW CAPTURED

Brakeman and "Neyse" Forced to  
Search Victims for Money and Valu-  
ables—Robbers Taken by Posse  
at Aroma Park Station.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—For the third time within a year robbers last night invaded the New Orleans-Chicago fast mail train of the Illinois Central railroad, took possession of the rear Pullman sleeper and robbed twenty-five passengers of \$500 and jewelry valued at \$1,500.

There were two of them. At 9:30 o'clock they boarded the train at Gilman, 80 miles south of Chicago, and, pressing a flagman and a newsboy into service to search their victims, rode for 30 miles to the crossing of the State Hospital for the Insane, one mile south of Kankakee, where they leaped off.

Captured by Posse at Aroma.

The robbers, both mere boys, were captured shortly before midnight at the Aroma Park station of the Big Four, four miles east of Kankakee, by a posse hastily organized by Tim Healy, special agent for the Illinois Central at Kankakee. One of the robbers was seriously injured in a revolver duel fought with Special Agent John O'Neill through the closed door of a washroom, where the youth had taken refuge. The wounded robber died shortly afterward.

The Big Four station agent at Aroma Park, who had been warned of the holdup, became suspicious when one of the boys inquired concerning a train for the East. He notified Healy, and the posse, reinforced by Kankakee policemen, rushed to the scene in automobiles.

**Robber Makes Daring Break.**

The boys were captured at first without a struggle, but as the Big Four train for which they had been waiting pulled in one of them jerked away, leaped aboard the train, and dashed through the coaches.

He darted into the washroom and locked the door.

O'Neill ordered him to come out.

Several bullets whizzed through the panels past O'Neill's head.

He ducked to one side and emptied his revolver through the closed door. It was then broken open and the wounded robber rushed to a hospital in Kankakee. He died there at 12:30 o'clock.

The other prisoner gave his name as Joe Scott and said his wounded companion was his twin brother, Jake Scott of Greenville, Ill.

**Overlook Much Plunder.**

All the passengers declared the robbers were amateurs and extremely nervous.

Their involuntary helpers—the flagman and the newsboy—proved derelict, furthermore, to the robbers' trust; and as a consequence the passengers retained more money and valuables than they lost.

**Scott Tells of Downfall.**

Scott, in an anguish of boyish remorse, told the Kankakee police of the big city lures that had attracted his brother and himself from the prosaic life at Greenville. A visit to St. Louis had done it, he said. They had hoped to rob the train of enough money to buy diamonds and other presents for some girls they had met there.

Trainmen and passengers described their initial attempt to crime as ludicrous.

They refused to take any of Rowe's money on the ground that he was a workingman. They took only the company's money from the Pullman conductor. They ordered their unwilling assistants to return \$25 to Clemens Plenckowski, a soldier of the Fifty-third Infantry, traveling in uniform.

## LOSES \$321,500 ON SUGAR

Continental Candy Company of Chi-  
cago, Must Pay May Market Price  
of \$19.86 a 100 Pounds.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Through a ruling of Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe of the United States district court of San Francisco, the Continental Candy company of Chicago, must pay the May market price of \$19.86 a 100 pounds for 1,250 tons of Java sugar which is now selling on the market for \$7 a hundred. Last November the candy company sought to repudiate a contract made in May with the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining company, but the contract was held valid by the court. The company will have to pay \$321,500 more than the present market price.

## POLE-RUSS PARLEY RESUMED

No Truth in Tale of Clash Between  
Peace Delegation at Riga,  
Latvia.

Riga, Latvia, Dec. 30.—The peace negotiations between the Poles and the Russians were interrupted for three days at Christmas only. The commissioners resumed work Monday, and all the rumors that the negotiations had been interrupted on account of conflict between the commissions proved to be unfounded.

## BANK BANDITS ARE CAPTURED

Citizens of Culver, Ind., Give Bat-  
tle to Yeggs From  
Chicago.

## TRY TO FLEE WITH \$10,000

Two Men Wounded During Fight—One  
of Robbers Shot—Outlaws Used  
Nitroglycerine to Blow  
Open Safe.

Culver, Ind., Dec. 30.—Citizens of this town fought a pitched battle with five Chicago bandits, who held up the Culver State Exchange bank and then attempted to escape with \$10,000 in booty. All five bandits were captured.

The casualties:

Jake Sains, a grocer; shot three times in the head and neck and probably fatally wounded.

Jerome Beichel, a local stock buyer of the town, shot in the hip; may recover.

An unidentified bandit, shot in the body; wound perhaps fatal.

The bandits descended on the town shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning and sped directly up to the bank in a high-powered automobile. One of the men remained at the wheel while the other four, armed with two revolvers apiece, dashed into the bank.

### Bandit Shoots at Boy.

As the bandits rushed through the swinging doors of the institution Earl Adams, a boy, fled to the street, dashing past the robber chauffeur who shot at him, and into Sain's grocery store, directly across from the bank, on the main street of the town.

Beichel and Sains were in the grocery. In a few excited words Adams told the tale of the robbery and the men, after arming themselves with weapons, ran into the street and began to fire upon the bandit car. The driver, a tall thin man, returned the fire, wounding both men.

The fusillade of shots aroused the town. Men carrying rifles and shotguns dashed into the street.

### Blow Safe; Get \$10,000.

One of the quartet who had gone into the bank, came out with a satchel containing \$10,000, the contents of the safe which the bandits blew with a charge of nitroglycerine.

As he got into the tonneau of the machine containing his comrade, a bullet from one of the guns of the villagers caught him in the body and he fell to the floor of the car.

By this time fifty citizens were within sight of the robbers, and the frightened chauffeur started the car slowly down the street.

When he had driven a hundred feet away from the bank, the three remaining bandits appeared, revolvers in hands, and attempted to reach the machine.

### Volley From Villagers.

A volley from the villagers caused them to turn their backs and run. The bandit car was far ahead, and before the trio could reach it, they were best by a score of citizens and placed under arrest.

Chief of Police Will Murphy of Culver immediately on seeing the captured robbers to jail, telegraphed the authorities of all cities between Culver and Chicago to be on the lookout for the pair who escaped.

Half an hour after the robber car had left Culver, word was received from the chief of police of Knox, Ind., that the pair had been captured as they were speeding through that town. Several armed constables had forced the machine to stop at the points of rifles.

## W. LEEDS IN ROYAL ROMANCE

Son of Princess Anastasia May Wed  
Niece of King Constantine  
of Greece.

Athens, Dec. 30.—William Leeds son of Princess Anastasia, may marry Princess Olga, daughter of Prince Nicholas and niece of King Constantine. It is rumored in court circles Prince Nicholas is a brother of Prince Christopher, the husband of Princess Anastasia. Princess Anastasia is recognized by the royal family as a Greek princess. Status of royalty is not accorded, however, to Madame Manos widow of the late King Alexander although she is personally on friendly terms with the members of the Greek ruling house.

## EARTHQUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

Inhabitants of Town of Willows  
Shaken, but No Damage So  
Far Reported.

Willows, Cal., Dec. 30.—An earthquake so severe that it aroused all inhabitants of the town occurred here at 2:15 in the morning. So far as has been reported no damage resulted.

## \$500,000 Reward for Housemaid.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The domestic service of Agnes McNevin in the family of Mrs. Mary Gilbert Knight is to be rewarded with a legacy of \$500,000. The executors of the will of Mrs. Knight in the probate court reported that all specific public and personal bequests aggregating \$198,200 had been paid. The estate was worth \$697,932, they reported.

## LEWIS ADAM VINCENT



## THE AMERICAN LEGION

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### PASSES ON LEGAL MATTERS

Robert A. Adams, Judge Advocate, Rose From Rank of Private to That of Major.

Robert A. Adams, recently appointed national judge advocate of the American Legion by the national executive committee, rose from the rank of a private in the Eighty-fourth division at Camp Taylor to that of major during his army career. Mr. Adams was overseas with the Thirty-first heavy artillery brigade and served in the Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne and Aronne-Meuse offensives. After the cessation of hostilities he was assigned to duty in the Judge advocate general's office at G. H. Q. He served fourteen months in the A. E. F.

When Legion officials at Indianapolis decided early in January that it was necessary to enlist the services of a legal adviser to thresh out the knotty problems of eligibility, interpretation of statutes affecting the Legion and other legal matters, Mr. Adams was appointed to fill the position. His appointment to the new position came as a result of efficient service as legal adviser after an amendment was made to the Legion constitution at the Cleveland convention, which authorized the creation of the office of national judge advocate.

Mr. Adams has practiced law since 1916 and is associated with a prominent Indianapolis law firm. He is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson college, and also attended Harvard law school. He is twenty-nine years old. The duties of the office consist in the supervision of the legal department of the Legion, the employment of counsel in law suits in which the Legion is involved, interpretation of legal questions, and the adjustment of questions of eligibility.

### TO BUILD WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Legion Administrative Machinery to Be Used in Safely Launching the Branch Organization.

Assurance that the administrative machinery of the American Legion will be used without stint in an effort to build up the Women's auxiliary, has been given by National Commander F. W. Galbraith, Jr. It is expected that the auxiliary will take charge of its own destinies next spring, with the holding of the first national convention of the women's units.

"All doubts and misgivings in regard to the future of the Women's auxiliary of the American Legion were removed, and a system of orderly expansion in state departments and a national organization was provided for by the Cleveland convention," announced Mr. Galbraith.

"We propose to offer the aid of our organization in building up the auxiliary, but we are not going to meddle with its policies so long as our recognized ideals and purposes are carried out. The Cleveland convention voted to let the women swim without water wings. It authorized state executive committees of the Legion to call state conventions and to establish department organizations of the auxiliary, killing the rule which made necessary the establishment of a total of units equivalent to 50 per cent of the number of posts in the department."

### AIDED IN GROWTH OF LEGION

Rev. John W. Inzer, National Chaplain, Long Identified With Activities of Veterans' Organization.

As national chaplain for the ensuing year, Rev. John W. Inzer, pastor of the First Baptist church of Chattanooga, Tenn., a man identified with the activities of the veterans' organization since its inception. Dr. Inzer not only was one of the men who initiated the formation of the Legion, but during the early days of its growth, aided the work by traveling over the country and making addresses as a member of the national executive committee.

Dr. Inzer, who was born in Hamilton county, Texas, January 6, 1890, entered the ministry at the age of nineteen, his first pastorate being in Birmingham, Ala. He volunteered his services as chaplain in the army after the war broke out and served with the Fourteenth infantry in the Northwest and at Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was senior chaplain for three months. After the armistice he moved to Camp Grant, Ill., where he served until March, 1919. He married Miss Marie Smith of Alabama in December, 1918.

## PENN. FIREBUGS ARE FOILED

Armed Guards Drive Off Men Who Set Fire to Hotel at Uniontown, Pa.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 30.—Armed guards frustrated an attempt to burn the Junction house at Star Junction, near here, and drove off two men who had fired a quantity of inflammable material in a room on the first floor. Hotel guests, awakened by the shots, joined in the chase, but the men escaped.

## POET GIVES UP RULE AT FIUME

Captain D'Annunzio Hands Over Authority to the Communal Council.

### TERMS OF TRUCE AGREED TO

Delegates Approve Conditions for Capitulation of City—Heavy Fighting Occurs Between Regulars and Legionaries.

Fiume, Dec. 30.—A conference for the purpose of arranging the final cessation of hostilities between the regular Italian forces of General Caviglia and d'Annunzio's legionaries was set for morning. Meanwhile, all military operations have been suspended. The truce was arranged during the night and will continue until the conclusion of the conference. Mayor Riccardo Gigante of Fiume and Capt. Hostenturk, in whose hands d'Annunzio placed the defense of the city, will be the spokesman for Fiume, d'Annunzio apparently being ignored.

### D'Annunzio Gives Up Power.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Gabriele d'Annunzio, according to a dispatch from Abbazia, has handed over his authority to the communal council of Fiume.

### Truce Arranged at Fiume.

Fighting at Fiume between Italian government troops and Gabriele d'Annunzio's legionaries has been suspended, for a time at least, it was reported.

Delegates appointed by the mayor of Fiume met General Ferrario, in direct command of the Italian regulars at Abbazia and agreed to the terms laid down for the capitulation of the city.

### Discuss Terms at Abbazia.

Discussion of terms for the capitulation of Fiume began at Abbazia, says a Milan dispatch.

The Fiume situation is very grave, and civilians cannot obtain food. It is believed that the mayor's request for the suspension of hostilities was made with a view to facilitating the evacuation of civilians.

### Regulars in D'Annunzio City.

The regulars are well within Fiume. They occupy half the city, while d'Annunzio's forces ambushed in the houses, resist with determination in the ever-decreasing semicircle, which has as its base the sea. The Italian regulars are displaying perfect discipline.

### Fire Powder Magazine.

D'Annunzian legionaries at Fiume set fire to a powder magazine in the Racina valley, southeast of the city, according to a message from Abbazia. The explosion, which occurred toward midnight, set fire to the woods surrounding Fiume to the east, and great clouds of black smoke rolled down over the city. In some quarters the belief was expressed, that a petroleum refinery near the powder magazine had also been set on fire.

### Battle West of Fiume.

The fiercest fighting occurred west of Fiume, where Alpini advancing from Casta reached the public gardens. When they had forced their way that far, they found all the houses surrounding the gardens had been transformed into machine gun nests, from which a terrific fire was poured upon them.

### An armored car advanced against the regulars and inflicted heavy losses, the Alpini throwing themselves on the ground and continuing the struggle for some time. Major Dambara, in command of the Alpini, rode through the gardens on horseback and rushed toward the car, but was wounded twice and his horse was shot dead. When the fire ceased Major Dambara was able to struggle toward the car, and upon entering it found three dead legionaries and two seriously wounded commission officers.

### Many Wounded in Hospitals.

Wounded regulars have been taken in motor lorries to Trieste and Gorizia, where special hospitals were organized. The number of men being taken to these hospitals is increasing hourly, and all agree in declaring that the regulars find themselves handicapped in their fight against the legionaries. They are armed only with rifles, while the d'Annunzian troops use hand grenades and machine guns, and, besides, have laid mines everywhere so that at every step the government soldiers are in danger of being blown up or killed by debris and splinters. Two houses in Fiume have already been destroyed by mines.

The majority of the wounded were struck by machine gun bullets or splinters of hand grenades. They said the regular troops were ordered not to fire unless absolutely obliged to do so, while the legionaries have taken every advantage to inflict the heaviest possible losses upon their assailants.

## EUGENE WALTER IS BANKRUPT

Voluntary Petition is Filed in New York by Author and Dramatist.

New York, Dec. 30.—Eugene Walter, author and dramatist, has filed voluntary bankruptcy proceedings here, placing his liabilities at \$7,470 and assets at \$100. Among the creditors named in the schedule are David Belasco, producer, \$500 for money loaned, and the Friars' club \$388 for dues and house account.

## MISS JUSTINE JOHNSTONE

