

BANDITS SLUG ATTENDANT AT COAL YARD

U. S. AND JAPAN MAY SUFFER BY OIL TRIAL TALE

War Scare Discussion Likely to Affect Friendship of Nations.

By William Philip Shums
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Fall-Doherty oil conspiracy trial here seriously threatens to disturb relations between the United States and Japan.

Cables reveal that nothing in years has stirred Tokyo like Edward L. Doherty's testimony that he had been officially informed that Japan had actually mobilized for war against the United States and that "an invasion" of the Pacific coast was part of the plan.

The charge, if true, means that at the very time when the delegates were busy in Washington negotiating the four-power peace pact of the Pacific, back in Japan preparations were in full swing to turn those waters red with war.

Doherty claims his information came from Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, then chief of the Naval Bureau of Engineering. This would seem to reflect on the good faith of Japan. Thus it would be in order were Tokyo to make diplomatic representations to Washington to have the matter cleared up.

On the other hand, the Japanese press is now charging the United States with bad faith on the ground that while working for a reduction of armaments in Washington they were strengthening our Pacific defenses.

Just how near war was between the United States and Japan in 1921-22?

Ridiculed War Idea
I was in the Orient for the Scripps-Howard papers almost the whole of 1921. I spent a long time in Japan and months in China and the Philippines studying the situation during that much discussed period, yet no informed person, whether of Japanese, American, British or other nationality, ever expressed to me anything but ridicule for the idea that Japan would ever attempt to invade California, save, perhaps, in the event of a vast coalition against us.

During the winter of 1920-21, however, there was a feeling of crisis in the air. I had felt it in Washington before I started for Japan in December. But the feeling was not one of fear for our own shores, but an uneasiness lest something should happen on the other side of the Pacific—most likely in the region of the Philippines.

In Japan I found a similar unrest. This was along in January and February, 1921. A few hot heads among the Japanese jingoes were saying that sooner or later the two countries would have to measure swords, and the sooner the better.

But there was no sign of early hostilities. To the contrary, the vast majority of the Japanese with whom I talked were distinctly of the opinion that war at that time would be suicidal for them unless they could count on British support.

Here, perhaps, was the biggest obstacle in the way of a Japanese war against the United States. There was, of course, an Anglo-Japanese alliance, but it was even then moribund. I found not one Britisher, from Tokyo to Peking and from Hankow to Hong-Kong, but who was violently opposed to that alliance and in favor of dropping it at the very first opportunity.

Australia's Status
Quite apart from any question of sentiment, a common tongue or anything of that sort, there was Australia. Australia feared, and still fears, Japan. Could Britain remain neutral while Japan was establishing herself in the Philippines, within striking distance of Australia? The plain truth is Japan could not even count on British neutrality in such a war, let alone British support. So when, during the summer of 1921, President Harding invited Japan to come to Washington to talk arms reduction and peace in the Pacific, Japan readily accepted.

This marked the beginning of the end of whatever "war scare" there was at that time. That was definitely ended exactly five years ago today. On Dec. 13, 1921, Japan, Britain, France and the United States signed the Treaty of Washington "with a view to the preservation of the general peace of the Pacific ocean."

This treaty buried the already dead Anglo-Japanese alliance. It was ratified by the Senate on March 24, 1922. It made peace in the Pacific quite as certain as the good faith and honor of the four nations signing it, and the charge that one of the nations planned to violate it almost before the ink on its signature was dry became a serious matter.

The first of the Fall-Doherty oil contracts, it appears, was entered into on April 25, 1922, three and a half months after Japan had signed. The second was made on Dec. 11, a whole year afterward.

Thus the whole testimony charging Japan with mobilizing for war against the United States in 1922 can hardly be expected to please the Japanese.

PEANUTS IN LIMELIGHT ONCE AGAIN

Threatening Note Found on Vending Machine at City Hall.

Peanut politics held sway in lit- eral sense today at the city hall. Temporarily relegated to the dark- ness following Lew Shank's theme of the sack of peanuts Senator James E. Watson said would content the farmers, the noble peanut today once more was back in the political limelight.

It appeared that a patron of the penny peanut machine on the second floor was dissatisfied, malcon- tent and unhappy with his wares. For, pasted on the machine, was the typewritten message:

"This machine is not fair. You had better fix it to deliver 1 cent's worth or all your business will go to the stand downstairs."

The threat referred to a hot peanut stand on the lunch counter in front of the bronze memorial tablet of dedication of the municipal building on the first floor.

The notice did not mention the fact that the downstairs peanuts are hot while the variety that flourishes a higher altitude are a bit frigid.

In some quarters, the ominous warning was noted at veiled criticism at the studding of the lobbies with vending machines of many types.

For instance, a neighbor of the altitudinous peanut machine under the marble and onyx pillars is the celebrated Dime Dinner contrivance, which dispenses cake and candy when it works.

Descending the stairs to the first floor, one finds a twin of the dinner machine nestling under marble panels while across the lobby is a truly aristocratic peanut machine.

This de luxe mechanism for a more penny cents candied peanuts of a reddish hue.

At its side and in strict equality of position is one of the garden variety of ball chewing gum machines, with all the lure of vari- colored balls.

For the truly hungry, the regular city hall stand dispenses food to nearly the extent of table d'hote dinner.

PHILOSOPHY ASSAILED AS 'MOONSHINE'
Philosophy is all "moonshine," St. Paul was a chump and all psychology, including that of the late William James, is mere puff and the books should as well be burned. Behaviorism is the only explanation of conduct, and that's that.

For the substance, with the content of a two-hour talk at the third of a series of open forum lectures Sunday night at Kirschbaum Community Center by Dr. George A. Dorsey, scientist, explorer and author of a best-seller called "Why We Behave Like Human Beings," which also was the subject of his address here.

Dr. Dorsey told his audience he knew nothing whatever of "heredity" and intimated that there was no such thing. He knows much of the action of environment, however, and pointed out that we act as we do simply because of our experience.

"If it were possible that we could have a baby boy, born of the earliest cave mother, preserved in a state of suspended animation and revived today, I could bring that boy up to be a Mohammedan or a Methodist, musician or mathematician, boot- leger, or what you will, just as though that babe were 1-in of the best parents today," Dorsey declared.

In the open forum discussion (that follows) he pointed out that it is impossible to provide exactly the same experience for any two mortals, leaving the theory intact, since it cannot be proven.

Our Boarding House
EGAD, I HAVE A CASE COMING UP TOMORROW THAT CALLS FOR KEEN DELIBERATION, AND THE MOST EXACTING JUDGMENT. A CITIZEN IS IN CUSTODY FOR HAVING A JUG OF CIDER THAT TURNED HARD OF ITS OWN ACCORD! NO DOUBT MY DECISION WILL BE REGARDED AS FINAL ON SIMILAR CASES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY!

IF I WAS TH' GUY I'D ASK FOR A POSTPONEMENT OF TH' CASE, LONG ENOUGH TO ALLOW TH' HARD CIDER TO TURN INTO VINEGAR!

THERE'S A CHANCE FOR SOME BOTTLE SCARRED VETERAN OF TH' OWL'S CLUB TO GET A REGULAR 'BERTH IN YOUR COURT AS OFFICIAL SNIFF AN' SWIGGER OF EVIDENCE!

AND AFTER THE BAWL IS OVER, SHE TOUCHES ME FOR A NEW HAT!

THE BIG DECISION TOMORROW

BEVERIDGE GIVES PRIMARY SYSTEM VIGOROUS DEFENSE

Former Senator Assails Plan of Democrats and Republicans.

Vigorous defense of the primary is expressed in an article by former Senator Albert J. Beveridge in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post.

Followers of Beveridge had expected him to champion the primary system following the formation of a bi-partisan conspiracy to destroy the efficacy of the procedure. Both Democratic and Republican organizations are behind the movement.

Beveridge's article considers the various objections to the primary, voiced by its opponents and answers each argument.

Combats Statement
Combating the statement that only a rich man can make the race in the primary, Beveridge asserted:

"If primary expenses of candidates were small in most states, how comes it that hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars had to be spent in attempts to get nominations for candidates for the very same offices on only two or three States?"

Part of the agitation against the primary may be traced to the rich men and corporations who find it requires more money to control than did the convention system, according to Beveridge.

Assails Convention
"Nothing is more subject to gusto of passion, anger and emotion of all sorts than the old-time convention," Beveridge stated. "I have seen such a body stampeded for a candidate by a big brass band in the gallery suddenly starting up 'Marching Through Georgia' and playing the tune as loudly and inspiringly as the band could play it."

Asserting that in some States the primary laws were written by opponents of the system, Beveridge advocated strengthening of the system. Multiplicity of candidates would be corrected through adoption of the short ballot, he said.

FLAPPER BANDIT CALM IN COURT

Texas University Graduate in Bond Appearance.

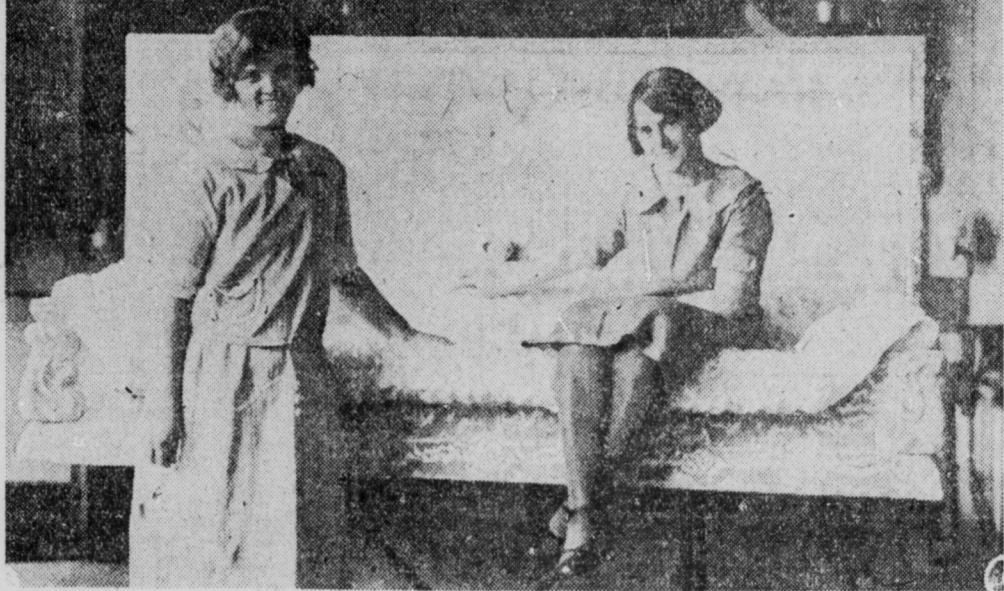
By United Press
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 13.—Somewhat pale but maintaining her composure, Rebecca Bradley, Texas University honor graduate, charged with robbing the Farmers National Bank of Buda of \$1,000 Saturday, appeared in District Court here today at the hearing to make permanent her bond of \$5,000.

Miss Bradley walked into Judge George Calhoun's courtroom with her mother, Mrs. G. R. Bradley. She was quietly but stylishly dressed and smiled as she greeted her attorneys. Friends told her story of the hold-up in a statement to authorities. In it she said she forced the cashier of the bank into a vault at the point of a gun. Later it was discovered the gun was unloaded, old, rusty and unused.

They believe she may have a nervous disorder, brought on by overwork. She was a stenographer in Attorney General Moody's office while taking advanced courses in the university. Moody is Governor-elect.

—By Ahern

Girls Like Casket Trimming Work



Two pretty misses demonstrating the "last word" in upholstered coffin styles. Ethel Howard (left) and Edith Weaver. The casket is termed a "full couch."

Oh for the life of a casket trimmer! A casket trimmer's life is just the thing, according to Miss Edith Weaver of 1130 N. New Jersey St. and Ethel Howard of 710 N. Illinois St.

"The latest fads that go to make up the 'last thing' in caskets, are interesting, too," said Charles Williamson, vice president and general superintendent of the company. "Among our seventy-five different designs in shell manufacture we offer over eighty-five different materials for upholstered coverings that have become so popular of late. The fabrics are of velvet, moire, jacquard, and damask, and each is varied in color and design to harmonize with the furniture of the home in which the casket eventually will be placed."

Here's How a 'Stick-Up' Feels

By Eugene Powell
How does it feel to be held up? With six hold-ups over the week-end and an average of more than one a night for the last three weeks, many people are wondering just how it feels to be held up. Those who read this may be the next persons in Indianapolis to feel a gun stuck in their ribs and hear the terse and terrifying "Stick 'em up and don't move or squawk."

I know just how it feels, for I went through that experience Saturday night. Going home Saturday night I met at E. Tenth and Hamilton Ave. Fred Steinberger, who said he had just been relieved of between \$500 and \$400 by some bandits. The thugs had caught him as he was closing up his meat shop at 2037 E. Tenth St.

Twice were called and a thorough search of the neighborhood was made, but no suspicious characters were found.

Laughing at Fright
Secretly laughing at the apparent fright of the butcher, I continued on my way. I knew just what I would do (so I thought) if any one would try anything like that on me. I would be brave, laugh at them and tell them to go to—well, a very hot climate. In fact, bluff them.

I was passing the dark alley behind the meat market which had just been held up, when I felt something jammed into the small of my back and a voice hiss, "Stick 'em, buddy, and don't make a move or let out a squawk if you know what is good for you."

How did I feel? What did I do? I never stopped to feel or think. I just reached for Kingdom Come like I expected to pull myself up and I sure wished that I could have.

I had two \$10 bills in the right breast pocket of my shirt and 15 cents in my trousers' pocket. The bandits searched me and found the 15 cents, but not the bills. They conferred in whispers for a moment or two. During that time every story of a hold-up I had ever read or heard about came to my mind.

Was I scared? Simply Paralyzed. I was simply paralyzed with fright. My tongue clove to the roof of my mouth and I couldn't have moved if I had wanted to, which I didn't. I wondered why I had left my home in a small Indiana village to seek fame

my fellow countrymen may thereby be saved from such a fate, and become American citizens."

The consulting magnetic engineer, Shankar Laxman Gokhale, was not so adept with the English language in presenting his case.

Senator Dave Reed of Pennsylvania asked him: "Do your five children speak English? You say your wife does not."

"One boy, he is in college," Gokhale replied; "one, he is in high school."

"One, she is a girl 2 years old," said Gokhale, "one he is a twin 3 months old. No, they do not speak English."

Gokhale was employed by the electric company in 1912, first as a common laborer. He quickly rose to the position he occupies today. He had been a professor at Calcutta, but left there when he was accused of inciting sedition among the students.

He says that he has been asked to come back as head of the University of Calcutta, which ought to be proof enough that the charges were untrue.

Leave Man Unconscious—Sixth Hold-up of Week-End.

ESCAPE WITH \$12.50

Fur Coat Stolen From Store Window—Other Losses.

Two young bandits, staging the sixth hold-up here over the week-end, slugged Otto Zehr, 29, attendant at the Independent Auto and Coal Company, 604 S. Harding St., into unconsciousness this morning when he resisted.

The bandits escaped with \$12.50, leaving Zehr lying in the coal yard. He was found half an hour later by Thomas Kuchenski, 917 Coffey St., who came to the combination auto supply store, gasoline filling station and coal and ice yard to make a purchase.

Bought Gasoline
Zehr, who lives at 658 Coffey St., said the two men drove up to the filling station in a roadster, bought gasoline and gave him a \$20 bill.

They followed him into the station and one drew a revolver and commanded: "Hand over your money. We want all you've got."

Zehr gave them the \$12.50 and returned the \$20 bill.

Fought Captors
The bandits tried to open the ice house door and then took him into the coal yard seeking a place in which to lock him.

As they were walking into the coal yard Zehr pulled a hammer from his pocket and attempted to strike down the bandit nearest him. The other bandit struck him over the head with some instrument and he lapsed into unconsciousness.

Burglars broke open a display window at the Fair Store, 211 W. Washington St., over the week-end and carried away a \$300 fur coat and five silk robes valued at \$70, it was reported to police this morning.

The other hold-ups over the week-end netted the bandits \$554. Burglars obtained about \$500 in loot in other robberies.

Other Hold-Ups
Fred Steinberger, 2037 E. Tenth St., and his wife were held up by two well-dressed youths as they were leaving the rear door of his butcher shop Saturday night. The bandits escaping with between \$400 and \$500.

Two bandits, both wearing sheepskin coats and answering the description of two men who have held up several filling stations in the past few weeks, held up James Gordon, Negro, 63, of 2447 Baltimore Ave., as he passed an alley on Brookside Ave. near Eleventh St., Saturday night, carried Gordon down the alley and took \$24 in cash and a watch valued at \$40.

With the command to "stick-em-up," I'm a gunman from the underworld of Chicago and will shoot if you make a single misstep," a lone bandit rolled Allyn Henderson, Speedway City Standard grocery manager, late Saturday night as he was preparing to close for the night, escaping in a machine with \$15.

Negro Bandits
Two Negro bandits held up Charles Smith, manager of a Kroger grocery at 701 Indiana Ave., early Sunday morning as he was crossing an alley at California and St. Clair Sts. The bandits got \$84.

Two Negroes, answering the description of the men who held up Smith, later held up Edward Miller, 420 W. New York St., at the canal and New York St., but only succeeded in getting his watch.

Burglar a Smoker
A burglar, evidently a smoker, stole several boxes of cigars and cigarettes, \$2 in pennies and some soda pop from the pool room of L. G. Dolkins, 1233 Oliver Ave.

Two drug stores were heavy losers. At the B. T. Barnhart pharmacy, 39 E. Thirty-Fourth St., \$175 was taken while M. S. Loudermilk, druggist at 2102 E. Michigan St., reported the theft of \$300.

Two diamonds, valued at \$395, were stolen from the home of Mose Kater, 1341 Park Ave. While the family was away the home of Harry Gompf, 4430 Guilford Ave., was ransacked, a revolver, box of cigars, and \$40 in cash being taken.

HUGE ROBBERY IN LOOP
Feltman & Curme Chicago Store Loot May Reach \$300,000.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A general round-up of all known burglars was under way here today, following robbery of the Feltman-Curme store in the center of the loop, which netted bandits between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

The exact amount of the loot has not been ascertained, but company officials, pending a check-up, said early today that it would run into the hundreds of thousands.

After carting away truckloads of the company's stock the bandits blew open the safe and secured the remainder of the loot, which was in cash and bonds.

MAYOR'S SLAYING EIGHTH IN GANG WAR OF ILLINOIS

West City Executive Shot Down as Sequel to Attempt at Bombing Home.

By United Press
BENTON, Ill., Dec. 13.—Climaxed by the slaying of Mayor Joe Adams of West City, southern Illinois' gang warfare, which has raged for months in half a dozen counties of this section, today sent law-abiding citizens into a frenzy of expectancy—awaiting what they fear will be the bloodiest fighting yet manifested.

Mayor Adams was killed in the doorway of his home yesterday when two men called him out and in plain sight of half a dozen witnesses shot him down. After the killing the two gunmen sped away in an automobile. Witnesses were unable to identify them.

The killing was the eighth directly traceable to the Shelton-Birger feud—a fight between two gangs for a monopoly of the southern Illinois liquor traffic.

Adams is alleged to have been aligned with the Shelton gang and to have long been marked for death by the Birgers.

On Nov. 19, Adams' home was the scene of an attempted bombing. The missile was thrown into the front yard but exploded doing little damage. It was said by authorities that Adams incurred wrath of the Birgers by harboring the Sheltons at a roadside he owned.

Law-abiding citizens, in their efforts to halt the fighting, are at a loss as to what to do. State officials have refused military law. An undercurrent running through this place points to a possible request for Federal aid. It is thought that Adams' murder is certain to bring about spirited fighting.

MRS. ROBINSON'S FUNERAL TUESDAY

Mother of Senator Dies at Her Home in Ohio.

Funeral services for Mrs. Catherine Robinson, mother of Senator Arthur R. Robinson, will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church in Pickerington, Ohio, where she died early Sunday. Burial will be in the Pickerington cemetery. Nephews will act as pallbearers.

Senator Robinson was at the bedside of his mother when she died, having been summoned after she had suffered two strokes of paralysis Thursday.

Born in Vandalia, Ill., March 31, 1840, she came to Pickerington sixty-one years ago and has since resided in the house in which she died. The husband, John P. Robinson, died in 1900. She leaves two sons: the Senator and John A. Robinson of Union City, Ind.

VIEW PROPOSED SITES

Board to Select Irvington School Location by Tuesday.

The site for the new grade school to be built in Irvington will be definitely selected today or Tuesday, it was announced this morning by the board of school commissioners. President Theodore F. Vonnegut, Commissioner Charles W. Kern and Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Jacob H. Hilkene looked at several sites offered.

"The Irvington grade school situation needs relief more than any other section of the city right now," declared Vonnegut. "School 57 is overcrowded and work must be started on a new school almost immediately."

Mellet's Widow Will Be Witness

By United Press
CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Florence Mellett, widow of the editor whose attacks on vice conditions here cost him his life, will be the State's first witness in the first degree murder trial of Patrick McDermott here today.

Prosecutor C. B. McClintock announced he would put the wife of Don R. Mellett on the stand immediately after his opening address to the jury.

Police 'Hold-Up' Auto Petters

Petters, in an auto parked on Cold Springs Rd., west of Riverside Park, mistook two park policemen for hold-up men Sunday night and as a result the police emergency squad made a hurried run to the scene.

Two park policemen on the lookout for thieves, who have been stealing Christmas trees from the city nursery, halted their machine beside the parked auto, drew revolvers and inquired of the petters their business in the neighborhood.

NEW SCHOOL HEAD

William F. Vogel Quits State Job for Shelbyville Post.

By United Press
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 13.—William F. Vogel, director of the Teachers' training and licensing division of the State department of public instruction, will assume duties of superintendent of schools here Jan. 1, it was learned today.

Vogel will fill the place left vacant by the death of A. C. Kibby.