

CAPTURE "RED" RYAN IN DESPERATE FIGHT

Escaped Portsmouth Convict Wounded in Battle With Minneapolis Police.

Trailed to Minneapolis By Detective Duncan And Deputy Warden Tucker—Policeman And Two Bystanders Wounded.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Four escaped convicts, who were cornered after leaving the Minneapolis postoffice last night, shot and wounded a policeman and two bystanders. One of the gunmen was captured and taken to police headquarters, where he gave the name of "Red" Ryan. All four of the men escaped from penitentiary at Portsmouth by setting fire to the prison barn and climbing over the walls. Later they are alleged to have robbed banks at Detroit and Chicago.

Those shot were Patrolmen Norman L. Schaef, seriously wounded; Gustaf Erickson, Minneapolis, slightly wounded; Carl Erickson, son of Gustaf, slightly wounded.

The four convicts were followed to Minneapolis about a week ago and were seen to collect mail regularly at the general delivery window. Last night, when they were followed by eight patrolmen, detectives and secret service operatives. When they got to the sidewalk two of the detectives closed in on the quartette.

RYAN SHOOTS AT DETECTIVE.

Ryan drew his gun and shot at one of the detectives. A bullet missed its mark and struck Gustaf Erickson. A moment later, Ryan's companions whipped out their revolvers and started firing as they ran. The police returned the fire and one of the bullets wounded Ryan in the shoulder. The bandit ran into the front entrance of a clothing store and started through it to the alley. Ryan stumbled over a box as he reached the rear entrance and was overpowered. The other three escaped.

TRAILED BY CANADIAN DETECTIVES

The men were trailed to Minneapolis by Walter Duncan, chief investigator of the department of justice, Ottawa, and R. H. Tucker, deputy warden at Portsmouth penitentiary. An elaborate plan for the capture of the gunmen had been evolved with the assistance of the Canadian authorities, who warned the Minneapolis police they would confront one of the most dangerous gangs known to the Canadian police.

The other convicts whisked away in a high-powered car. The police have thrown a net around the city and they are following up the trail.

"RED" RYAN'S CONFESSION.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Norman "Red" Ryan, bank bandit, who was shot and captured here last night following a gun fight, confessed, the police say, to having escaped from Portsmouth penitentiary in Canada. He stated that on November 5th he held up Grand Avenue state bank in St. Paul and obtained \$5,000, and that with other gunmen he had been operating in various parts of the United States since their escape from Portsmouth.

Their Prison Escape.

The four convicts, in company with Edward McMullen of London, Ont., made a successful escape from the Portsmouth penitentiary on the morning of September 10th. McMullen was re-captured late the same afternoon after being badly wounded in the hand by a bullet fired from a revolver in the hands of Guard Forby who fired at the automobile in which the convicts were escaping when it turned off King street west onto Pembroke street.

On Wednesday last, Edward McMullen appeared before Judge H. A. Lovell and had four years added to his sentence for the part he played in the sensational escape.

Although nothing official has been given out by the prison authorities, it is understood that since Edward McMullen was captured he has given the detectives considerable information that assisted in tracing the convicts. When captured McMullen

was yet sore over the fact that the other convicts deserted him after he had driven them in the automobile from the home of Mrs. H. W. Richardson, King street west. It has been suggested that when McMullen heard there was a chance that he would be charged with setting fire to the stable at the prison, he stated that he would not plead guilty to such a charge as he did not set fire to the building and intimating that it was "Red" Ryan who started the fire. McMullen stated that he was one of the convicts who arranged the ladder.

Movements Were Known.

It is a well-known fact that the authorities at the Portsmouth penitentiary have been aware of the ever changing whereabouts of the four convicts who have been absent from that institution for three months. The prison authorities have been kept in touch with the movements of these men and when

TUBERCULOSIS

Is Not Hereditary—It Can Be Conquered

Tuberculosis is undoubtedly a preventable disease. Is the government, or the people, who are really the government, doing their best in the matter of preventive measures?

How would we act if a ship load of immigrants afflicted with tuberculosis endeavored to land on our shores? Would we allow them? Everyone knows that we would use every means in our power to prevent their landing. We would treat them the same as those suffering from the plague.

If so much anxiety and energy is displayed about keeping infected persons from landing in the country, why the apathy with regard to those in our midst?

Tuberculosis can be stamped out and the only apparent reason it is not exterminated, is our unwillingness to pay the cost.

We do not seem to realize the appalling enemy to our economic prosperity tuberculosis is, especially through loss of output.

The earning capacity of a tuberculous victim is reduced year by year as the disease progresses.

Why should a preventable disease not be eradicated?

Are we willing to pay the cost of sanatoria, isolation and expert treatment that its eradication demands?

If we would only put a hundredth part of the energy we expended in the great war, into a war against tuberculosis, we would soon be on the road to gaining a victory over the greatest enemy to our country.

the opportune time came, Deputy Warden Tucker and Detective Duncan, with the assistance of the American police, laid a trap which resulted in the capture of Ryan, the most dangerous of the four.

After leaving the prison the four men made their way to Toronto where they remained for a short time and then moved to Hamilton and worked backwards and forwards between these two cities. It is thought that the convicts were suspicious that the prison authorities were after them, so they crossed the border and visited Detroit and Chicago and later arrived at St. Paul and Minneapolis, which is well known as the place where all the bandits of the western states congregate.

Credit Due Deputy Warden. The prison authorities do not think that the other three convicts will be at large very long, as "Red" Ryan was the brains of the quartette, and without him, they cannot do much.

The credit of the capture of "Red" Ryan is in a great sense due to the excellent work of Deputy Warden Tucker, of the Portsmouth penitentiary. A couple of weeks ago when it was decided that Deputy Warden Tucker should cross the border in search of the convicts, the prison authorities asked the Dominion government for the services of Detective Duncan, a former member of the Toronto police detective services.

PREMIER FERGUSON NETTLED.

He Said Some Mean Things About Alberta's Premier.

Edmonton, Dec. 14.—Premier Dunning, of Saskatchewan, is either devoid of a sense of humor or he is inspired by ideals, inimical to the best interests of Canada or he is stupid," said Hon. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, addressing a meeting here last night. Mr. Ferguson was discussing a criticism made by Hon. Mr. Dunning of the statement credited to Ontario's premier that Ontario would "dominate" the Dominion.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

At this season of the year, the Christian world reverently turns to the little town of Bethlehem and lovingly recalls the story of the Saviour's birth as set forth in the simple yet beautiful language of the gospel narrative. In spirit let us go over to Bethlehem and view the place where Christ the Lord was born.

Bethlehem is situated about six miles south of Jerusalem. Starting from Jerusalem by the Jaffa gate, the journey is over a rough and hilly country road amid scenes that awaken in the mind reverent memories and fill the soul with loving emotions. On the west lies the Gihon valley, where Solomon was crowned, and on the south-east is the valley of Hinnon, where nearby, in the field of Paphai, King David defeated the Philistines.

But a short distance from King David's well Bethlehem greets the eye. There on a high hill it stands, with its closely clustered houses of white stone, its massive walls and towers looming forth in the brightness of the morning sun.

Christmas should mean infinitely more to us than can be expressed by gift or language. It is not to be a season of tears, but of joy. It should fill every home with gladness and the noise of happy children and parents. Let the children come home, let the parents throw open their homes to them; let the yule log be laid in the fireplace and lighted, and with songs match the merry crackling log. Say, come, friends, come strangers, "If it be but a cup of cold water that's given," and a kindly smile, it will do something to show that

"God's in His heaven, All's well with the world."

That the forests with their feathered songsters declare His goodness, that the cattle on a thousand hills are grazing at His feet, that the crows pick food from His hands and that man is redeemed from sin and

"This is the marvel of marvels revealed.

When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed, That humankind are the children of God."

There is one way to make a white Christmas even though there may be not a flake of snow in sight. Let the whiteness be in your heart. Put aside all thoughts of guile. Forget all the big or little bitterness you may be entertaining against some other person. Cast out all envy, all covetousness, all unkindness. Endeavor to harbor in your heart only such thoughts and feelings as the Nazarene knew when He dwelt by Galilee. Cultivate human brotherhood. Practice Christian charity. Look beyond and above your workaday horizon. Get out of yourself. Get into the heart of others.

WOULD KEEP LABOR DOWN

Tories Trying to Effect a Liberal Coalition.

AIM OF LLOYD GEORGE

Is to Kill the Crudities of Socialism in the Next Election.

London, Dec. 15.—A period of under-ground intrigue has now begun and will continue until the meeting of parliament. The die-hard Tories, who formerly opposed all coalitions, are making frantic efforts to induce the Liberals to join in a new coalition to keep out the Laborites.

It is stated the first thing which the Labor Government intends to do is to recognize Russia and arrange a complete resumption of trade. In that it will have the Liberal support, as well as for the second plank, an extensive scheme of relief work for the unemployed and a big housing-building programme, and the third plank, to call a new international conference to discuss the European situation and if necessary revise the Versailles Treaty.

Tory-Liberal Hopes.

London, Dec. 14.—It is evident that any attempt to ensure a Labor combination with Liberals is certain to fail, the Labor party publicly affirming its intention to govern the country without any form of coalition.

Lloyd George makes the declaration that: "In this election we have killed protection and destroyed reaction. It remains for us to make sure in the next election—which will not be long delayed—that we put before the people a programme of well-considered social reforms which shall kill the crudities of socialism." This declaration is certain to increase the Labor determination to go it alone.

The fate of the Economic Conference reference offers is seemingly sealed. Liberals declaring that, "If the king's speech asserts the necessity of more doses of Imperial preference, it will be impossible for Liberals to pass it unchallenged."

Mexican Federal troops at Tepic Nayari retakes the city and routs rebel troops.

WHIG TOLD ABOUT EXPECTED CAPTURE

On Tuesday the Whig had an exclusive story on Page 10, column 5, to the effect that detectives were on the trail of "Red" Ryan and his gang, and that it was expected they would be rounded up in the course of a few days. At that time it was learned that detectives were close on the heels of the desperadoes across the border and that it would only be a short time before they were landed. It was known that Deputy Warden Tucker was in the chase. "Red" Ryan's capture shows that the Whig had the inside facts.

An Englishman's Wife Dies on Ellis Island

New York, Dec. 15.—Bert Dodge, an Englishman who came here to welcome to his new home in Boston, his wife and baby daughter, Kathleen, passengers in the Samaria which arrived Monday from England, greeted and bade his last farewell to his wife. She died Thursday at Ellis Island of pneumonia, contracted while she awaited permission to enter this country as a visitor.

Toronto Real Estate Man Stabs Himself to Death

Toronto, Dec. 15.—With a steel paper knife piercing his heart, J. Holt, aged forty-four, a real estate agent, was found dead in the basement of 60 King street East yesterday afternoon. Holt, the police reported, had been worrying over the loss of money in real estate transactions.

ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE OF MURRELLS CAUGHT

Pat Norton Under Arrest in Indiana—London Officer to Go There.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—It was decided by the attorney-generals' department yesterday afternoon to act upon information received as to London, Ont., that "Pat" Norton, an alleged accomplice of the Murrell brothers in the Melbourne bank robbery, is under arrest at Aurora, Indiana. A message was sent to Aurora by the provincial police headquarters directing that photographs and finger prints of the prisoner be taken at once. A London officer, who knows Norton, will go to Aurora.

BANDIT RYAN PRESS HARD HAS OBJECT UPON REBELS

In Confessing to Bank Robbery At St. Paul.

Mexican President Hopeful of Suppression of Revolution.

MAY FIGHT EXTRADITION THE CENSORSHIP RAISED

The Canadian Authorities Have Been Trailing Ryan For Some Time.

On Mexico City—The Rebels Have Captured Two More Places.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—From the facts that, according to Minneapolis dispatches this morning, "Red" Ryan, notorious Canadian bank bandit and ex-convict captured in that city yesterday, has confessed to a bank robbery in St. Paul, it is thought here that Ryan proposes to take his chances first with United States Justice, and fight against extradition to Canada for trial in Toronto on the charge of holding up the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia on September 27th last, and of escaping from the provincial penitentiary a few weeks previously.

Canadian authorities have been trailing Ryan for a long time, and he has had several sensational escapes. In Toronto he just missed being taken at a dance, and his boarding house here was watched by armed police for days. On one occasion when the police here heard that Ryan was hiding at Wagner's Bay, near Hamilton, a posse in automobiles rushed to the neighboring city and with Hamilton police besieged the place, but the bird had flown.

As Ryan and his bandit comrades entered the United States as undesirable and convicts, they can be deported without extradition proceedings.

WAR ON FAKE DENTISTS.

Being Waged by the Police Women of New York.

New York, Dec. 15.—The police women of the New York force are rendering valuable service in the campaign that is now being waged against fake dentists. In fact, practically all of several cases that are now pending before the courts are based on evidence secured by women members of the force.

It is declared that there are over a thousand fake dentists in the city and Attorney-General Sherman declares he will continue the drive against them until they are all either in jail or have been frightened out of the city.

TEACHERS WELL TREATED.

Canadians in England Going on European Tour.

London, Dec. 15.—Canadian teachers, who have exchanged with English teachers under an arrangement with the Imperial Union of Teachers, are being well treated. Seventeen of them from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver will leave shortly for Switzerland where they will enjoy the winter sports. They will then go to Genoa, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan and Paris. The trip will be under the auspices of the League of Empire.

Not Abandoning Singapore.

London, Dec. 15.—"There is no foundation whatever for the report received yesterday from New York to the effect that the Singapore base has been abandoned," says a note issued last evening by the secretary of the admiralty.

In Conference with Poincare.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Herr Von Hoersch, a German charge d'affaires, went into conference with Premier Poincare in Paris on Saturday morning on various problems, including those involved in the Ruhr occupation.

Monterey, Dec. 15.—The censorship of Mexico City suddenly was lifted at about midnight Thursday night and the Obregonists along the international frontier feel more optimistic about the immediate suppression of the revolution by Adolfo de La Huerta and his followers.

On the western front, facing the revolutionaries under General Enrique Estrada, about 8,000 soldiers under President Obregon are marching along the north shores of Lake Chapala in the direction of Guadalajara, the second city of Mexico.

U.S. GIRL IS SOUGHT IN MURDER MYSTERY

Wife of a British Officer Found Strangled—Her Husband Missing.

London, Dec. 15.—The police of Hove, near Brighton, sent out yesterday a general call for Norma Hassel, an American girl, and are understood to be communicating by wireless with liners now at sea.

Miss Hassel is believed to be able to throw some light upon a tragedy which occurred at Hove on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Marjorie Batley, twenty-two years old, wife of Major Norman Percival Batley, was discovered on Friday morning to have been murdered in her sleep. She had been stabbed to the heart by a dagger, and had been shot in the head.

Since then no one has seen her husband, though a number of letters have been received from him by relatives and by editors of newspapers in Staffordshire, from which both he and his wife came.

All those communications have the same tenor. He admits killing his wife, but declares that he did it from excess of love, and not as a result of a quarrel. Something went wrong in his brain, he asserts.

TWO CANADA STEAMSHIPS.

Are to Be Transferred to Canadian Service.

London, Dec. 15.—It is understood that the Cunard Company is about to make an important new development in its Canadian services. One of two of their large ships now operating in the New York service will be transferred to Quebec and Montreal services, it is stated. The Cunard company announced last night that the ships in question were Coronia and Carmania, and that the new service will commence in April next.

RATE DISCRIMINATION.

Imperial Committee to Probe Canadian Miller's Complaint.

London, Dec. 15.—The alleged ocean rate discrimination against Canadian flour will be considered by the Imperial Shipping Committee. Hon. P. C. Larkin has brought before them a complaint of Canadian millers that lower rates were being accepted for flour from United States than from Canadian ports.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY On "Tring Men." MEN SOLVE and RESOLVE Many things, But the greatest PROBLEM Ever given to MAN Is the WOMAN he MARRIES. Many men have TRIED To solve MANY women. In fact, MANY men have tried Same woman, Though possibly not At the SAME time. Oh, yes! MEN are VERY trying, And are NEVER SATISFIED. One man complains he has Lived with his wife For fifteen years, and doesn't Know her YET. Another man complains He has been married six Months, and Knows HIS wife—BACKWARDS. Men never know when They are well off. Happy is the man Who NEVER finds His wife—OUT!