

ROBBERS STAGE REEL MOVIE THRILLER

One Bandit Cranked Motion Picture Camera, While Others Robbed Club Guests

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A robber cranked a motion picture camera in the pretense of making a film, while his four companions, who acted as movie thrillers, held up the guests of the Republican Club in the city last night and robbed them of \$500 in cash and jewelry. The robbery did not become known until today.

New York Cannot Claim A Holiday Of Its Own

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York, the largest city in the world, the financial and the economic center of the country, can now lay claim to another title—the City without a specific holiday.

Story Of 2 Deaths Proves Erroneous

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—On Friday night a report was circulated here to the effect that Patrick Skelly of Plantagenet, Ont., had died from the effects of being kicked by a horse, and that his wife dropped dead when informed of her husband's death.

English Town Has Painful Scandal

BRADFORD, England, Dec. 24.—A painful municipal scandal has broken out in Bradford in connection with the fact that Trotter had occupied a prominent position in the city for so many years and was respected generally caused the members of the council to deal with the matter quietly, without heat, and it was decided that there should be an enquiry into the whole affair.

Holy Year Visitors Placed At Million

ROME, Dec. 24.—Holy Year is coming to an end with all previous Roman Catholic jubilee records shattered. Pope Pius XIII. has set the record-breaker pace by receiving 300,000 pilgrims to St. Peter's.

Hon. George P. Smith Blames U. S. For Failure Of Anglo-Russian Treaty

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—Stalin, member of the executive committee of the Communist party and known as "Russia's strong, silent speech," today delivered a five-hour speech before the all-Russian Communist congress. In it he blamed the United States for the failure to arrange an Anglo-Russian treaty, declaring the United States was afraid to establish the precedent of non-payment of only partial payment of international debts; a precedent which if applied to countries owing the United States money would cause the latter to lose billions of dollars.

Prince Lighted Lamps Of Memory For Fallen Comrades

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Prince of Wales lighted "the lamps of memory" for the 100th anniversary of the death of the Duke of Wellington, and the 100th anniversary of the death of the Duke of Wellington, and the 100th anniversary of the death of the Duke of Wellington.

60 Injured, Houses Razed In Heavy Gale

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A violent storm of Espinho, a fishing district near Oporto, destroyed many houses today and swept fishing crafts out to sea. Sixty persons were injured. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

Release Of Lifer Stirs Authorities

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Fearing that the release of Ira D. Perry, Jr., millionaire's son, who is sentenced to life in prison for a confessed murder, might pave the way to similar action in the case of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, Chicago officials and lawyers today started a move to curb the powers of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

An Austin Product In Major League For 8,000 Souls

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 24.—One Austin product in the major leagues for each 8,000 population is the fact that it is the only city in the world that has a "home town" of its own.

French Clear Territory In Morocco

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French forces in Morocco have cleared about sixteen miles of territory west of Kifane in the last few days, reinstating the Rifians, a subjugated greater part of the tribe of Semadja. A number of munition dumps were captured, and a Rifian attempt to establish a post of command in the region thwarted.

Some Canadian Production Figures For Past Year

(Special to the Guardian) OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—There was a marked advance in the cordage and twine industry for year 1924, over the amount reported for the previous year. The net increase amounting to \$1,596,710.

Doyle Regretful

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A remarkable story of a missed opportunity was told by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle at the annual dinner of the Savage Club. Referring to his association with the drama, he said that a young boy who was getting £200 a week in a play of his, had once laughingly suggested that they should pool and divide their lives, and he was almost double the amount of money.

Men Must Work Or Be Deported To Penal Colony

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—South Africans who will not work will be liable to deportation to a penal labor colony. This is provided for in a bill which the minister of labor has prepared for introduction at the next session of parliament.

Col. Mitchell Explains Charges

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Over the protest of his own counsel, Col. Mitchell explained to the Shenandoah Naval Court today the basis for his public charges against those who sent the giant naval dirigible on her fatal voyage into the West. Some of these charges, he insisted, were based on information which reached him from sources he regarded as reliable.

Two Halifax Men Get Papal Honors

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—Papal honors were bestowed upon two citizens of Halifax in St. Mary's Cathedral this morning when Hon. N. McGeer, former judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, was made Knight, Commander of the Order of St. Gregory, and Earl Gahan, former consul and prominent business executive, received the insignia of Knight of the Order of Holy Sepulchre. The honors were conferred at high mass this morning by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Foley.

Airship Will Land In Vatican's Yard

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius will soon see an Italian airship land in the courtyard or grounds of the Vatican. If the plans of Colonel Nobile, one of Italy's foremost pilots, materialize.

Says Stomach Violator Of Prohibition

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The human stomach is a chronic violator of the Volstead Act if Senator Edge of New Jersey is correct in his physiology.

Dame Melba Owes Fame To Late Beloved Queen

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Dame Nellie Melba, the famous singer, in her book of reminiscences is just published makes the interesting revelation that it was through the late Queen Alexandra's interest in her that she was induced to make another series of appearances in London after an unfortunate debut here. It happened in 1880, when Dame Melba had scored a phenomenal success, at the outset of her career, in Brussels and Paris.

Straw Mulch Greatly Increases Wheat Growth

(Canadian Press) BEGONA, Sask., Dec. 24.—Yields of wheat have been increased about fifteen bushels an acre on experimental plots in Regina and Kronau farms by the adoption of a straw mulch method of husbandry. Llewellyn Braith, who farms two and a half sections of land south of Regina, and Clarence Westbauer, who farms two sections north of Regina, both of whom testified that there was an apparent increase of about five bushels an acre on an acre plot of land similar to the land on which the ordinary methods were employed.

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Europeans Dance To American Jazz Bent Over Ocean

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thousands of persons in Europe danced early this morning to the strains of jazz broadcast from the United States. Despatches from London and Berlin told of men and women in hotels and supper clubs of England and continental cities tripping the light fantastic to syncopated strains from three thousand miles away.

Brothers Drowned When Ice Broke

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 24.—Bernard Brown, aged 9 years, and Eugene Ainsworth, aged 10, were drowned here late yesterday afternoon while playing on the ice at the mouth of the harbor. Horace Ainsworth the 8 year old brother of Eugene, saw the boys disappear through the thin ice and gave the alarm. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

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Bootlegger Said To Be Siki Slayer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—An obscure bootlegger, seeking blood payment for a small debt, is sought today as the man who shot "Batling Siki" yesterday, ending the garish career of the Senegalese "wild man" of the prize ring. Police seek a bootlegger as his murderer because Mrs. Louis Phal, Siki's wife, told her husband was threatened by a man trying to collect a \$20 liquor debt a few days ago.

Restoring Ruins Of St. Hilda's Abbey

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—High on the headland above the little port of Whitby in Yorkshire stands the ruin of St. Hilda's Abbey. For a five hundred years after the heavy hand of Henry the Eighth had fallen upon the abbey and monasteries, the fabric of St. Hilda's foundation was left a prey to the ravages of German marauders and the depredations of the centuries.

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Love Of "Molly" Turned In Prince Of Wales' Absence

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Prince of Wales does not often lose friends, but as a result of his prolonged absence during his South African and South American trip, which the Prince left to York House, a canine friend has turned from him, despite all the blandishments of His Royal Master. This is his cream colored cairn terrier, "Molly," a pet of two years, which the Prince left with Lady Burton who breeds Cairn terriers when he started his long journey. Lady Burton made a pet of Molly and on the day of the Prince's return took the dog to York House. Molly would not even look at him for several days he tried to regain her friendship but in vain. The dog became quite unhappy. It would not eat, and had to be turned to Lady Burton's kennels.

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Sydney Mayor Riled By Suspension Of Sentence

SYDNEY, Dec. 24.—Just to what extent Mayor McConnell and the city police commission may interfere with or criticize the decision of the city magistrates in the court, caused involving infractions of the Criminal Code, and how far a Magistrate may go in exercising the right of the court in suspending sentence on convicted offenders, are the sequels arising from the action of city magistrates in Sydney, who today imposed a two year suspended sentence under bond of \$250 on John Rudderham of North Sydney who pleaded guilty to a charge of theft of goods from the store of J. J. Turnbull. The mayor brought the matter to a meeting of the police commission and in the course of his remarks, waxed very critical of the practice of suspending sentence on persons convicted of indictable offenses and stated that, if it were to continue, the time would come when the people would have to revert to "lynch law" methods in order to combat the growth of crime. He suggested that the commission appeal to the Attorney General of the Province with a request that the case be investigated.

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