



# TELLS STORY OF TRAIN ROBBERY

World War Veteran, in Written Confession, Gives Details of Mail Car Looting.

CHENNAU, Wyo., Dec. 15 (AP)—The man who committed a series of several mail car robberies, today told through a written confession that was submitted as evidence in United States district court here, that he had taken \$10,000 from Rock Springs, Wyoming, August 12, and took \$3,000 in Laramie and one robbery.

He said he first approached the home of one of his conspirators, who asked him if he wanted to make some money driving a car. The man of the conspiracy, he said, and one of the men told him, "This is going to be the confession code of the coast." He said he went over the ground of the robbery for several weeks, but that plans were kept from him, but that the most rewarding:

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**BRITON SUGGESTS USE FOR TREASURY SURPLUS**

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The United States is a huge hindrance to Britain's already-dwarfed size of the treasury surplus and what's to be done with it, Sir Alfred Mond told the American Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Mond, chairman of his board of directors, had been in London on his return from a trip to the United States.

Sir Alfred, who is a member of the house of commons, jokingly suggested the use of the surplus to buy the Canadian States Treasury bond over its surplus to Great Britain for the purpose of helping pay the British war debts.

He said he would rather see the surplus go to President Coolidge and Congress and would make Americans less

menly popular in Britain.

**BLOCKS PASSAGE OF BILL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—Senate by the Senate of the treasury surplus office supply bill has been prevented today by Senator McKeever, Democrat. Tennessee, who attempted an amendment increasing the allowed sum for transportation of the surplus funds by railroads, held that the bill contained a vote in itself.

The bill will be taken up again in

morning.

**Idaho's Birth Rate Increases 2.1—Per Thousand Over 1925**

**Annual Report of State Bureau of Vital Statistics Reveals Population Growth.**

IDAHO, Dec. 15 (AP)—Idaho's birth rate increased 2.1 per thousand compared with the death rate of 7.7 per thousand, by the return of vital statistics in preparing its annual report issued yesterday, 1925, to the legislature. In 1924, the birth rate totalled 10.625, and twice the number of deaths, placed at 4.325.

The birth rates were based upon an estimated population of 506,000. The 1926 birth rate is greater than the 1925 rate of 10.01 per thousand. The death rate this year was 7.7 per thousand, or 6.2 deaths per thousand in 1925.

Of the 10,625 births this year there were 5110 males, 584 females and 25 births of the sex not stated. There were 1000 more males born and 1081 were females.

There were 2000 deaths in 1925 and 2075 births.

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**STATE-SCORES IN TRIAL OF ALLEGED MURDERER**

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 15 (AP)—After the objection of defense to the first testifying witness, who claimed he was not influenced by the testimony of another witness, the trial of James J. Berney, accused of the killing of his son, was adjourned.

The request, embodied in a confidential letter, was presented by Chairman Butler as a formal complaint to the trial judge as commander-in-chief of the army and navy. Secretary Mellon was present at the time it was received.

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Traders Pay More Attention to  
Domestic Conditions; Find  
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CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Vigorous  
industrial activity has stimulated  
the market, and importations from  
domestic conditions, and there is an  
increased supply of world surplus stocks.  
Closing quotation on wheat at 14c.  
ton, 14c. 10d. per bushel, with  
an average for imports ranging up to  
14c. 10d. per bushel, and provision of  
grain of 5c. to 7c.

At first the market had held  
a steady, induced by heavy  
importations of Liverpool, but after a  
short time became apparent that others had  
overreached themselves.

Imports, particularly from Canada,  
continued to bring prices up throughout  
the remainder of the day. Most of the buying appeared to be  
based on soundness of Chicago wheat  
stocks, and on imports of the  
most recent arrivals.

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Prices of higher quality wheat  
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It was also noted that United  
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Under such conditions, it is con-  
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Prices displayed independent strength,  
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Country advices indicated that  
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Provisions were responsive to higher  
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**Corn—**

Dec. 15 73c. 75c. 73c. 74c.

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**Oats—**

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**Breptis—**

Timothy seed—5c to 15c.

Clover seed—4c to 12c.

Lard—\$1.15.

Rhubarb—\$1.

Bellies—\$1.25.

**CASH GRAIN**

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Pork  
hams, 2 lb., \$1.40; bacon, 2 lb., No. 1  
grade, \$1.00; ham, 2 lb., No. 2 grade,  
\$1.25; bacon, 2 lb., No. 3 grade, \$1.25.

**PORTLAND GRAIN**

PORTLAND, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Wheat—  
No. 1, 14c. 10d.; No. 2, 14c. 10d.;  
Potato, hard white, blue stem,  
Bacon, western white, spring—14c. 10d.; hard  
western red, 14c. 10d.

**TOLEDO SEED**

TOLEDO, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Wheat—  
No. 2 red, \$1.10; No. 1, 14c. 10d.

Coffee—No. 2 yellow, 77c to 78c.

Potato, hard white, blue stem,

Bacon, western white, spring—14c. 10d.

western red, 14c. 10d.

**ATLANTA POTATOES**

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**POTATOES AND PRODUCE**

CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Butter—  
Higher receipts, 1118 tons; creamer  
extra, 200; standard, 192; extra  
firm, 160; extra soft, 160.

Eggs—Higher receipts, 1821 cases.

Meat—1000 lbs. of 1000 lbs. 28c.

Meat—refrigerator extra, 35c to 40c.

Pork—extra, 1000 lbs. 28c.

Ducks—12c.

Green—12c.

**Dressed Turkeys**

No. 1 young tom—45c.

No. 1 old tom—38c.

**Live Turkeys**

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**Dairy**

Butterfat (candy) 45c.

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Eggs (choppers) 30c.

Eggs (local store) 22c.

**Sugar—Wholesale**

Cane—47c.

Brown—57c.

White—57c.

**Wheat and Mill Feed**

Wheat, No. 2, 100 lbs. \$1.02.

Bran, 100 lbs. \$1.35.

Flour, 100 lbs. \$1.60.

Stock food, 500 lbs. 60c.

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**LOS ANGELES POTATOES**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (UPI)—Pot-

atoes—Arrivals, 2 cars.

Salad, 8 lbs., Oregon, 1 lb., washed,

61, broken 63. Demand moderate, no  
ket dull. Trade sales, carlots on  
weight. Stockton sacked long white,  
medium, 10c. 10d. per bushel.

Idaho and New Mexico, 1 lb., No.

1, one car, \$2.75. Parker district, poorly  
graded, \$2.13 to \$2.35; mostly 12.35.

Oregon sacked Burlincks, U. S. No.

1, one car, \$2.50. Embankment pack, one  
car, \$2.30.

**SUGAR**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (UPI)—The re-

sidual market, 14c. 10d. again today,  
and in absence of business, prices were  
unchanged at 14c. 10d. for Cuban, duty  
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Raw sugar futures were irregular

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**TOWLS**

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Leghorn hens—9c.

Broilers—16c.

Spring (colored)—16c.

Spring (Leghorn)—16c.

Stags—16c.

No. 1 hens—45c.

**APPPOINT POOTELLOOAN**

HOISE, Dec. 15 (UPI)—From Indian

state, state treasurer, has an-

nounced the appointment of Phillip

Stalker of Pottellooan as deputy state

treasurer for the term beginning Jan-

uary 1. Mr. Stalker, 35, was received

in American Legion offices here.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our friends for their

kindness and sympathy extended to us

in their bereavement in the loss of their

daughter, Helen Patricia Johnson, ad-

dressed as Mrs. John C. Johnson, ad-

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# BOARD DECIDES TO REINFORCE WALLS OF JAIL

County Commissioners to Provide for Lining Prisoners' Quarters With Sheet Steel to Safeguard Against Breaks.

Twin Falls county commissioners, after conferring with members of the board, last night, decided to have the walls of all inmates in the jail house building as a measure for safe-guarding in the future against jail deliveries.

This appeared for this purpose constructed by the government, with sheet steel, to be secured by rivets and acetone welding. Materials will be purchased by the county and the cost of the same is estimated at \$1,000. The total cost of the materials is estimated at approximately \$3,000.

Within the past year jail doors have been strengthened in which prisoners escaped on several occasions through holes cut with case knives through metal bath and plaster walls of the jail room. Steel cages for containing prisoners are provided two or three feet apart, but the space between is limited and with increased number of prisoners can just be permitted liberty in the jail rooms.

Including those sent from the Cassia county jail last week to the jail Monday 26 prisoners in the county jail. With few exceptions the prisoners here now have been convicted of some offense and are accused of violating liquor laws.

Prisoner population of the jail reached a peak about a year ago, when there were nearly 50 prisoners in the jail at one time.

## Funeral Services For Idaho Pioneer

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Dennis funeral parlors here for Nelson Cris-

well, pioneer Snake river miner and resident of Idaho since 1871, who died at his home here last Saturday. Services will be conducted by Dr. J. D. Gilliland of the Methodist Episcopal church of Pifer, and burial will be in the Filer cemetery.

Mr. Criswell, whose father mining claim in Kentucky, came to Idaho some years after coming to Idaho from Kentucky, and when the Twin Falls country was brought under irrigation he purchased the north of Filer where he had a family farm until coming to Twin Falls two years ago.

He is survived by his widow, who was Margaret Briggs, daughter of an Idaho pioneer family, whom he wed in 1891; a son, Mr. W. C. Criswell, who has been here for many years, and a daughter having been buried four years ago in the Filer cemetery. Surviving children, Mr. W. C. Criswell of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Irene Hahn of Ardenwood, Calif., Mrs. Edna Wilson of Twin Falls, Mrs. Bella Bondell of Idaho Falls, Mrs. Hilda Mack of Weiser, Florence Criswell, Raymond Criswell, Wade Criswell and Leo Criswell, all of Twin Falls.

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**Willie Willis**  
BY ROBERT GUILLON



## PRISONER'S WIFE CLAIMS PENSION

Sentence Imposed on Former Buhl Mar. Has Sequel in Arrival of Family Here.

Sentences of imprisonment for terms of 50 years to life, that was imposed upon the wife of a former inmate of the jail, in district court at Lewiston last week, has a sequel this week when Thompson's wife and six young children arrived in Twin Falls to assert claim to Twin Falls claims of the widow's pension here.

Mrs. Thompson said she had obtained money for medical fare for herself and children for the trip from Lewiston to Twin Falls, but when she stated, too, that she had been advised in Lewiston that Twin Falls county would be liable for payment of a widow's pension to her.

The county commissioners, getting no information from their attorney, decided that, since the Thompsons left this County nearly a year ago and have lived in Lewiston since that time, the claim should be presented to the north county board.

Mr. Thompson, with his children, was quartered Tuesday night, immediately following their arrival here, at the home of his father near Buhl, who had been here for many years, and his family, including his wife and six in position, had sold, authorities say, to assume responsibility for maintaining his daughter's family.

Thompson was sentenced to prison term for armed offense involving his Heyburn sheepdog.

**LAST MINUTE SALE!**

Saturday evenings, 5 to 8 p.m., of apparel, etc., Python Stores, 133 Shoshone, formerly occupied by O. K. Barber shop. First National Building.

## Idaho Potatoes Top Market in Georgia

Idaho russet potatoes found their way to Atlanta, Georgia, during the week ending Dec. 10, at 25 cents per 100 pounds, while the market for round potatoes was 22 cents per 100 pounds. The trip from Lewiston to Atlanta took 10 days. The cost of shipping, including freight, taxes, insurance, etc., was \$1.50 per 100 pounds.

The quantity demanded, according to information received from Atlanta, was 100,000 more than was marketed for round potatoes.

Round potatoes were marketed for about 100 more than during the same period last season.

Maine and Wisconsin showed the heaviest increases during the same period.

Local help was sent to Lewiston.

Idaho also shipped 100,000 more than its state reached 100 cars except Colorado.

## FATHER AND SON FACE WATER DIVERSION CHARGE

Preliminary hearing in the case of William George and his son, William E. George, Twin Falls district attorney, and his wife, Mrs. Mary George, and Son, were held yesterday by Judge J. L. Hudgin in probate court here. The ditch in question carries water to the city of the Georges and to the city of Filer.

George, who was placed in custody on a charge of intercepting a ditch, was released yesterday by Judge J. L. Hudgin.

William George was acquitted recently on charge of intercepting a ditch, but was held in custody that day.

William George had appealed to the supreme court for judgment on conviction of intercepting with this ditch on another occasion.

COLLECTOR WAITS FOR MOTOR LICENSE PLATES

Blank forms for recording of applications for 1927 automobile license, together with instructions to accept money in payment of these license fees, were received Wednesday at the county assessor's office here.

Applications to record the owners of licensed motor vehicles, however, have not yet been delivered to the assessor's office, and no effort is being made to collect the license fee prior to delivery of the plates.

## Firemen Lend Aid With Skating Pond

Twin Falls fire department called into play Wednesday to assist in carrying into execution the plans of T. J. Douglas, city commissioner of public grounds, to provide an ice skating pond in the park.

Mr. Douglas had been instructed to provide for a pond covering a considerable proportion of the field. This area was filled with water and frozen in by the firemen after noon, and with favorable weather conditions tonight, it was believed that a large field of ice would be available this morning for skating.

## EASTERN STAR CHAPTER HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Mrs. J. A. Kotter was elected worthy matron of Twin Falls chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in a meeting of the chapter Tuesday evening. She will be succeeded next year by Mrs. S. G. Smith, worthy matron, other officers for the chapter for the coming year were elected as follows: Worshipful matron, A. E. Shiflett; associate matron, Mrs. Frank Baldwin; secretary, Mrs. Eddie Jones; treasurer, Mrs. H. E. Jones; trustee, Mrs. Charles E. Jones; associate, conductress, Mrs. E. Potter.

Newly elected and appointed officers will be installed at the chapter's meeting on December 28.

## TWIN FALLS ELKS WILL GREET DISTRICT DEPUTY

Twin Falls Lodge of Elks has made elaborate preparations for a meeting this evening at which G. Harvey Miller, state director of the order, will make his official visit to the lodge. A number of candidates will be initiated, and a program of entertainment will be provided. Luncheon will be served.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE NEWS.

## Low Mark for Day Is 2 Below Zero

Forecast for today—Unsettled and cold now.

Minimum temperature here during the 24 hours ending at 6 o'clock Wednesday night was two degrees below zero, which is two degrees below the average, registered at the government weather observer's station during the preceding night. Maximum temperature during the same period was 22 degrees, or seven degrees below the average for the day before.

Skies were clear during the greater part of the day but clouds, which had been scattered and somewhat broken in the morning, were still descending at an early hour this morning.

## T. F. WILLMS

5, 10, 25c Store

GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT MODERATE PRICES

Below we list a few of the many bargains

Cream and Jelly Mix Candy; 15c per pound  
Xmas Mix Candy; 20c per pound

Dutch Silver Candle Sticks; 125 pounds or more 18c lb.  
per pair  
Jardinieres; each Mahogany Candle Sticks; \$1.49  
\$1.00

25c pair and 75c pair Mahogany Table Lamp (wired);  
each Toy Piano; 5 keys; 50c Finker Toy per tube  
each Toy Piano; 10 keys; 50c per set  
8 light Xmas tree sets; 1.25 per set  
Tissue and Holly Wrapping Paper; 5c per roll  
We have a beautiful line of Xmas Greeting Cards with envelopes at 3 for

2 for 5c—5c each and 10c each

Try WILLMS First

1 Cent a Word-Worth It-News Want Ads.

Gift Suggestions for Every Member of the Family

**Eckham-Johnson**  
*Our Stores Co.*

Shop Early While Assortments are New, Fresh and Complete

## Your GIFT Headquarters

Lifetime Gifts in Lovely Ivory Pyralin

The enchanting beauty of the new styles and patterns of Pyralin Holloware make it the choice of every hostess.

Pearl on Amber, so much in demand this year, can be had in the following colors: White Pearl, Honey Pearl, Blue Pearl, and Gold Pearl. What could be a woman more than a gift of this exquisite holloware.

Three-Piece Sets . . . . . \$6.75 to \$17.50

Six-Piece . . . . . \$24.75 Up to \$45.00

Pyralin Pearl on Amber Military Brush \$6.30 and Comb Sets . . . . . up to

Juvenile Comb Sets . . . . . \$3.40

Military Brush and Comb Sets, Natural \$3.95 and and Black Ebony back, select bristles. up to

Manicure Sets, In Compact Roll-Up \$1.98 and Cases, Moderately priced. up to

Perform in Original Gift Packages. A wide range of inferior Pretentious Gifts. Toilet Water, Vanity Compacts, Powder, etc.

Triple-Fold Bill and Card Cases . . . . . 98c and up

Ftall Adjustable Toilet Kits . . . . . \$2.50 to \$10.00

Elm City Watch, A reliable Timekeeper . . . . . 98c

Ingersoll Yankee Auto Grip Hander, Gold . . . . . \$1.50

Gold-Plated Little Miss Keysons Model Jr. Electric Curling Iron . . . . . 98c

Starlite Lighting . . . . . 98c

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Financie Gift Sets . . . . . \$2.00

Karen's Gift Sets . . . . . \$3.00

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