

TWO BOLD BURGLARS ENTER HATTIESBURG DEPARTMENT STORE; BOOKKEEPER, BOUND AND GAGGED, HURLED DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

LOVING TRIBUTE TO ARMY OFFICERS

Hattiesburgans Express Their Appreciation of Splendid Public Service.

FITTING FAREWELL TO RELIEF CORPS

Major Simpson, Major Ashford and Lieutenant Bailey Are Each Handsomely Remembered—Several Splendid Speeches.

One of the closing incidents of the government relief work that was at once impressive and interesting occurred in the rooms of the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon.

The citizens of Hattiesburg, expressing their sincere appreciation of duty well performed, presented to Major Windell L. Simpson, Maj. B. K. Ashford and Lieut. Howard H. Bailey some slight testimonials of their appreciation and friendship and the good wishes of the people of this section of the state who had been befriended by them as representatives of the army and Red Cross work in the cyclone district.

Called to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairman F. F. Phillips, of the Hattiesburg relief committee, who expressed his own appreciation of the work done and said that the meeting had been called so that the citizens might give some expression of the kindly feeling entertained for these officers.

Eloquent Mr. Yawn. Mr. H. C. Yawn, of Lumberton, representing both Lumberton and Purvis, made a beautiful speech, replete with eloquence and patriotism. He said it was a great thing to be an American citizen; that great disasters and periods of distress brought all sections of the country together—no North, no South, no East, no West, but one great country bound together by strong human ties. He referred to the great San Francisco disaster and how the people of all sections, bound by the tie of human sympathy, had gone to the relief of the distressed people; how, when Cuba lay stricken at our very doors, Americans drove off the enemy and how the general government had so recently come to the aid of the stricken people in the cyclone district. He expressed great appreciation for the work done by the representatives of the national government.

Spoke Briefly. Victor M. Scanlan was called on and responded in a brief, but pointed talk. He said he had found the government's representatives true and loyal men, ready at all times to render any possible service.

The Testimonials. Mr. R. L. Bennett was the next speaker and the words that he spoke came direct from his heart. As secretary of the relief committee, he had been actively associated with the three officers and he knew their worth. He assured them of the friendship and gratitude of the people of this entire section. He knew that they had performed nobly the work they had been sent to do and he desired that they should feel and know, when they left Hattiesburg that this entire section would unite in good wishes. He reviewed, briefly, the great disaster and

the work that had been done. He said that when the relief committee found that the situation was so distressing that it could not well be handled, notwithstanding the aid extended by Hattiesburg and many other places, that they modestly exercised the right of petition and ask Congressman Bowers to lay the matter before congress, which he did, securing several times the amount suggested. He said the people of this section desired to show their true and genuine friendship for the officers who had so faithfully performed every duty devolving upon them and that the testimonials they were going to offer the officers did not—could not—represent their friendship for them, but the slight token offered would cause them to know that their Mississippi friends would always hold them in grateful remembrance.

Mr. Bennett thereupon opened a package that contained three beautiful presents—two watches, one for Major Simpson and the other for Dr. Ashford, both engraved with their names, official position and "from Mississippi friends." The other testimonials was for Dr. Bailey and was a magnificent leather toilet case, containing combs, brushes, etc. The other testimonial was other useful articles that Mr. Bennett said would prove of value to a man who had no wife to look after his needs. At this remark, Dr. Bailey blushed like a young girl and promised to see if he couldn't find some one to look after him.

Visibly Affected. Major Simpson said he was not much at making speeches, but before he had concluded he had proven that

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DOCTORS

Predict the Extinction of Old Fashioned Potions After the Present Convention.

LONG WALKS TO CURE RHEUMATISM

Resolution Will Be Passed Asking Congress to Create the Position of Secretary of Health and Sanitation, So It is Said.

Hearst News Service. Chicago, June 3.—Eminent physicians from all sections of the United States and from many foreign countries here to attend the meetings of the American Medical Association, declare that the present convention marks the extinction of the old-fashioned vendor of potions and that hereafter the cure for rheumatism will be long walks and for malarial fever the draining of stagnant pools.

It is stated by prominent delegates that a resolution will be passed by the convention asking that congress create the cabinet office of secretary of health and sanitation.

HEARST MAKES FURTHER GAINS

New York, June 3.—William R. Hearst gained six votes in the first ballot box opened today.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH RIDING WILD HORSE

Hearst News Service. Washington, June 3.—The report of Roosevelt's narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon is confirmed. A young horse which he was trying to ride reared back and fell from the top of Rock Creek bank. Mr. Roosevelt jumped, preventing the animal

from falling back on him. The President is lame today as the result of his experience and limps perceptibly. After the horse had thrown him, he waded into the creek, caught the animal and rode him back to the White House.

TAKES TOWN UNDER WING

Seminary, Miss., June 3.—The board of mayor and aldermen has passed an ordinance taking into the corporate limits the village of Gandis, which joins this town on the north. The town will soon be raised to the dignity of a city.

LETTER POSTAGE TO GREAT BRITAIN WILL BE REDUCED

Washington, June 3.—Postmaster General Meyer today announced that on October 1 two cents an ounce letter postage will be inaugurated between America and Great Britain. He declares that he believes the reduction will eventually increase the receipts from foreign postage.

PEONAGE

Delta Planter Pleaded Guilty Before the Federal Court at Oxford.

Daily News Special. Oxford, Miss., June 3.—A surprise was sprung in the federal court here yesterday when W. K. Herrin and his manager, George Albrough, pleaded guilty to the peonage charge against them.

KEATING SAYS FAIRBANKS IS NOT IN THE RACE

Hearst News Service. Chicago, June 3.—Joseph Keating, manager for Charles Warren Fairbanks, says: "If Mr. Fairbanks is not nominated for President, he will not be on the ticket. He will under no circumstances accept the nomination for Vice President."

ELECTION IN DOUBT

Dubuque, Iowa, June 3.—Allison Claims the senatorship by 10,000. A special from Des Moines says that the indication is that Cummings is nominated by 10,000 or more. The official count may be required.

MANY HOMES SWEEP AWAY

Hearst News Service. Hannibal, Mo., June 3.—A sudden freshet in Missouri Valley has driven hundreds from their homes. Great damage is reported to property, but no lives have been lost.

AMONIA EXPLOSION BLINDS BALL PLAYER

Hearst News Service. Chicago, June 3.—Jim Schreckard, left fielder for the World's champions, was blinded by an explosion of amonia today. He cannot see at all and his sight may be permanently effected.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

Mississippians Pay Fitting Tribute to the Memory of Jefferson Davis.

BISHOP GALLOWAY DELIVERS ADDRESS

Thousands Gather Around Davis Monument in Jackson—Veterans Are Requested to Wear White Roses, His Favorite Flower.

Jackson, Miss., June 3.—All Mississippi is observing the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis as no previous anniversary has ever been observed, and so far as Jackson is concerned practically all business has been suspended.

The state house is closed by order of Gov. Noel, who, while he did not issue the customary formal proclamation on the subject, is nevertheless anxious that the day should be fittingly observed.

The United States government building is closed by order of Postmaster Edwards, to the extent that Sunday hours only are in effect, and this is the first time in the history of the state that a first-class postoffice has observed a state holiday.

At 4:30 this afternoon hundreds of people will gather around the Jefferson Davis monument in Confederate park, adjoining the old state house and hold a public memorial service under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The service will consist largely of songs, but the principal feature of it will be an address by Attorney General R. V. Fletcher.

All over the state the request has been sent out by the Confederate bodies that everybody wear white roses today, and so far as Jackson is concerned at least, this is being generally done.

Bishop Chas. B. Galloway has gone to Oxford to deliver an address on the life and character of Mr. Davis before the student body of the University of Mississippi, this being their last day there before leaving for their respective homes on their summer vacation. This service will be, perhaps, the most notable one to be held within the state, or for that matter, in the entire south.

If a man is really in love with a girl he laughs heartily at the old jokes her father tells.

THE DAILY NEWS PROGNOSTICATOR



Washington, June 3.—For Mississippi: Showers tonight and Thursday.

A bold effort was made to rob the safe of the Davidson Company at an early hour this morning.

The effort was unsuccessful, but the bookkeeper, Mr. W. E. Wallis had a narrow escape from death.

At about 5:30 o'clock this morning, Mr. Wallis came down town and going to a local restaurant, drank a cup of coffee. From there he went direct to the store of the Davidson Company and going up stairs, where the office is, he was confronted by two men, both having guns in their hands which they pointed directly at him. Mr. Wallis had heard a noise about the safe before reaching the office, but he thought it was Mr. Davidson who had come to open the safe and he had no idea that "You are rather early this morning."

Immediately after entering the office the two men who were inside stuck their guns in the face of Mr. Wallis and commanded that he open the door of the safe. "This Mr. Wallis told them that he was unable to do, as he did not know the combination. They told Mr. Wallis that if he would open the safe and drop the money, they would be good for him. Mr. Wallis then took a seat in front of the safe and commanded him to go ahead with the work as they were in a hurry. Mr. Wallis fumbled with the safe and finally told them that it was a time lock and could not be opened before 9 o'clock.

Gagged and Thrown Down Shaft. The burglars or one of them hit Mr. Wallis over the head with his pistol and the two dragged the bookkeeper down the flight of stairs to the first floor, first binding and gagging him. The gag was a towel and his feet were tied together with a strong cord. His arms were tied behind him in the same manner. Thus, helplessly tied, he was carried to the elevator shaft and was thrown down into the basement. The elevator had been run up to the office and after Mr. Wallis had been hurled down the shaft, bound and gagged, to the basement floor, the inhuman robbers ran the elevator down upon him.

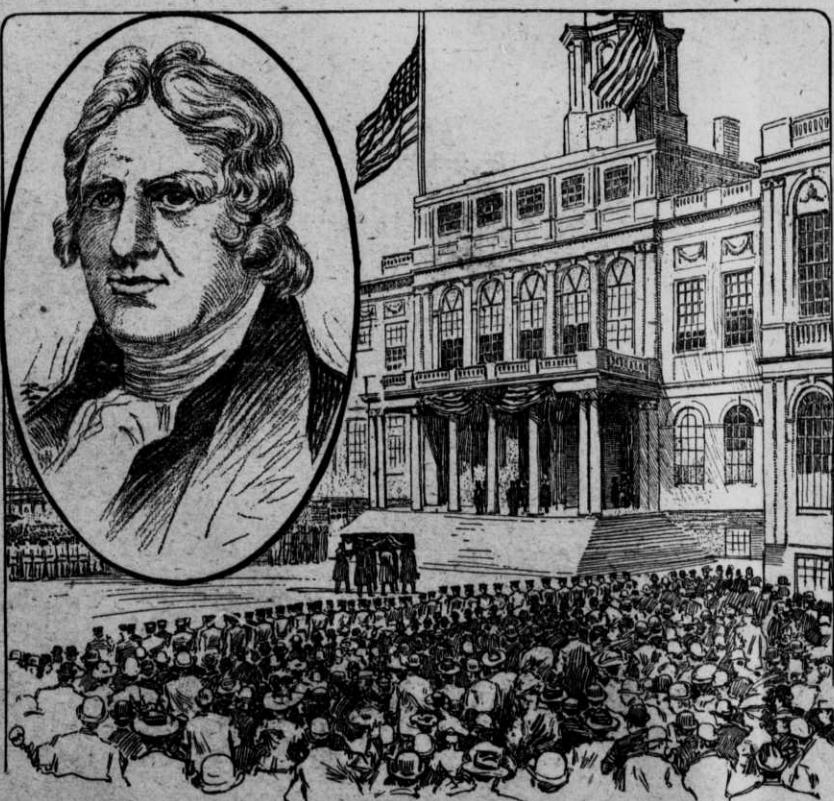
Elevator Upon Him. When the elevator was run down to the basement, it did not reach the bottom of the shaft as it was so arranged that the elevator would stop level with the basement floor and there was a space of two or three feet underneath. This was what saved Mr. Wallis. Smothered and almost suffocating he called from the bottom of the shaft for help. His voice, although almost inaudible was heard by Messrs. Mullinix, Glover and Heidelberg, who had by this time entered the store, and they at once began a search for Mr. Wallis when they heard his voice under the elevator and ran it up. Mr. Wallis was quite nervous and was carried to the South Mississippi Infirmary, where an examination showed that he was not seriously hurt, but his wrist had been knocked out of place, and it was soon pulled together. Besides this a few bruises were sustained in his narrow escape.

As to the Robbers. So far there is no clue to the identity of the robbers. They were both white men and wore mustache. It is possible that this mustache was false, though Mr. Wallis doesn't know. If so, it was the only disguise they had. The men are supposed to have come in through a transom at the rear of the house and to have left the same way, when they saw that other employes were coming into the store. One of the men talked in broken English and appeared to be a dago. Mr. Wallis thinks he could identify the men without trouble.

Got Nothing. The safe was never entered at all and it is not known whether the men carried dynamite or not. There was a slight abrasion on the safe that may indicate an effort to bore a hole in it for a dynamite charge. So far as is known, no articles were taken from the store, though a clothing counter had articles scattered about it.

DIVORCE DAY.

Today is "divorce day" in chancery court. Princess Hanna vs. Hattie Hanna was heard this morning and a divorce was granted. Other cases will be disposed of during the day.



NEW YORK HONORS THE MEMORY OF GEORGE CLINTON, THE STATE'S FIRST GOVERNOR.

Impressive ceremony attended the removal of the body of George Clinton, twice vice president of the United States and New York's first governor, from Washington to Kingston, N. Y. When the body reached New York city it was escorted to the city hall by troops from all the forts near the city and battalions of marines and bluejackets, the parade being in command of Major General Frederick D. Grant. The coffin was placed in the historic governor's room in the city hall, where it was viewed by throngs before being taken to Kingston, the burial at the latter place being coincident with the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town. George Clinton was governor of New York from 1777 to 1795 and was chosen for the same office again in 1801. In 1804 he was elected vice president of the United States and was re-elected in 1808. He died in Washington on April 20, 1812.