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WEDNESDAY—Winter, for a change, in the heart of the city.
THURSDAY—Fair, cold.
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7 Masked Men Rob Brink's, Boston; Leave Another Million



VICTIM AND SCENE IN ROBBERY—Messenger Grell, left, shows how arms were bound. View in vault, right, shows sacks holding ignored \$1,000,000. In photo are Manager Lloyd (foreground) and Detective Armstrong. Cap was dropped by one of gang.

Police Commissioner Sullivan Mobilizes Department

Thomas F. Sullivan, Boston Police Commissioner, was in a turmoil last night after the holdup as every precinct captain and detective responded to a mobilization order sent out by Commissioner Sullivan.

Within 20 minutes after word of the robbery was flashed on the police radio, the streets surrounding the headquarters building on Berkeley st. were jammed with automobiles and police cars.

Station captains and detectives bolted from the vehicles and rushed up the stairs to assemble in a room where Commissioner Sullivan was scheduled to issue orders pertaining to the apprehension of the gang.

While department communication systems buzzed with messages relayed to distant points throughout the country, Commissioner Sullivan was still at the scene directing the police.

Biggest All-Cash Stickup in U. S. at Armored Truck Garage

Gang Wore Pea Jackets, Rubbers; Carried .38's; Suspects on Police Grill

Scores of police officials, all heavily armed, from Boston, Foxboro, Dedham and State Police and the FBI were making house-to-house searches at 4 this morning along Route 1 in Foxboro after a truck driver reported seeing seven pea-jacket clad men, carrying bags, leave an automobile and enter a house.

One Foxboro resident was roused out of bed and ordered to come out of his home. He was clad in pajamas. Police surrounded each house they approached. They were equipped with portable searchlights and machine guns.

Boston police under Capt. John D. Ahern and Deputy Superintendent James F. Daley rendezvoused at the Foxboro Raceway after meeting in Dedham, where they picked up additional arms.

Coal Strike Spreads, Violence Breaks Out

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 17 (UP)—Shooting, stoning and dynamiting broke out in the soft coal fields today as a "no contract no work" strike spread to six states idling 80,000 miners and threatening to cut off power to 200,000 industries here.

Angry pickets forced the fields closing mine after mine and a striking miner in Ohio was killed when he tried to stop a loaded coal truck. It was the first death in the strike, but restiveness and growing indications were that more miners would walk out tomorrow.

The seriousness of the coal situation was pointed up in Pittsburgh, where steel mills and other industries might have to close later this week because of the fuel shortage.

Ohio State Police at St. Clairsville reported that Sidney Dupine, 31, of Lakewood, O., was killed by a coal truck driven by Lawrence Franko, 20, of Piedmont, O.

Death Mars Boston Girl's Radio Bridal

A young Roxbury woman was married yesterday with a coast-to-coast radio audience listening in—but her happiness turned to grief when the program signed off.

During the wedding ceremony in East Boston, the mother of the bridegroom, Donald Barnes, died in a nearby lounge in the radio studio.

The bride is the former Miss Frances M. Kennedy, 21, of Dorchester. During the first part of the program in the afternoon, Mrs. Dorothy Barnes collapsed.

While the ceremony was going on, Mrs. Barnes died. On learning the news, the young couple tearfully canceled a planned honeymoon in Reno.

The radio marriage and honeymoon was a prize won by the Roxbury woman after writing a letter to the program describing her romance. She told how she and Barnes had met at a summer camp in Groton, N. H., where they were cousins.

A cross-country courtship followed between Roxbury and La Mesa, Calif. Barnes' home. The bride formerly was employed with a Boston insurance company.

Reorganization Urged of Public Works Dept.

By WILLIAM L. LEVINS

The Finance Commission last night recommended an extensive reorganization of the Public Works Department and elimination of 300 positions to save \$1,336,614 annually, "without the impairment of any essential services."

This would mean a reduction of nearly 51 on the 1950 tax rate. The 500 jobs represent more than 20 percent of the department's personnel.

A Finance Commission spokesman said the commission building on Berkeley st. were jammed with automobiles and police cars.

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13 Picked Up as Suspects in Brink's Holdup

A total of 13 persons were held by police for questioning about the Brink's, Inc. holdup this morning, three hours after Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan's police mobilization.

Eleven of those detained had police records and the other two were former employees of Brink's.

They were held at City Prison and later this morning the best detectives in the police force were given them a thorough grilling.

Brought to headquarters last night were men from Roxbury, Brighton, South Boston and Revere, Charlestown station took six suspects in tow, and Roxbury Crossing and the South End station each picked up one man alone.

All through the night police scoured the city for suspects. In a stream they filed into Police Headquarters and division stations.

Those with records for armed robbery were checked and the department's crack detectives were kept on the run all night.

Truman Pledges All-Summer Fight on Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UP)—President Truman pledged today that his Senate leaders will fight "all summer" to get a veto on his civil rights program.

He said he is doing "everything possible" to get it passed and that members of Congress should be forced to stand up and be counted on the issue.

He made his pledge to leaders of a civil rights mobilization of more than 400 delegates from 33 states gathered here for a three-day session of pressuring Congress to pass the controversial racial measures.

The House released a transcript of his remarks.

Part of the bill is jeopardized in the Senate by the threat of a southern filibuster and in the House by a coalition of southern Democrats and conservative Republicans who dominate the powerful rules committee.

Hydrogen Bomb Policy Depends Upon Russia

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UP)—President Truman's momentous decision on whether the United States should make a hydrogen bomb—the world's most awesome weapon—was reported today to hinge on whether Russia will come to terms on atomic energy control.

Informed quarters said Mr. Truman will decide "in the near future" about making Congress for funds to attempt construction of the superbomb, which would be 100 times more destructive than present A-bombs.

The information was in a report sent to his committee colleagues by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., Rep. of Massachusetts, a World War II combat officer and a member of the Army Reserve. The letter was made available to the United Press today by a Senatorial colleague.

A personal friend reports that the President considers such numbers as 9, 11 or 13 particularly lucky. He occasionally makes casual comments on their luck-bringing power.

U. S. Army Seizes Berlin Building, Former Soviet-Zone Railway Offices

BERLIN, Jan. 17 (UP)—Two American Army officers and 30 West Berlin police tonight seized a United States sector building formerly used as operating headquarters for the Soviet zone railway, Russian authorities immediately protested.

United States officials said they took over the structure because it contained 600 offices that had not been used since the Berlin rail strike early last summer.

It still contains the railroad's main telephone switchboard, but the American said the switchboard had not been seized and still was being operated for the Russians.

The Soviet officials charged that the American action seriously hampered traffic.

"W. T. Babcock, deputy United States Berlin commander, said the protest was issued by telephone by the Soviet newspaper, Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov."

Holdup Bulletins

Police said there was \$1,000,000 in the vault room. Over \$1,000,000 of this had been there since yesterday. Brink's employees were still counting hundreds of thousands of dollars when the stickup took place.

E. A. Sorey, New England head of the F. B. I., was en route from Philadelphia to join investigations in the case.

A radio alarm for three Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolvers was sent out by Boston police last night. The guns were taken from Brink's armed guards during the holdup. Serial numbers of the guns were announced as 47-75858, 120219 and 42363.

Revere Man Booked

Boston and Revere police today morning took a 40-year-old Revere man into custody and booked him on "suspicion before the fact to armed robbery."

Police identified the suspect as Samuel Lindner of Arlington av. Revere. They quoted him as saying he would furnish them with proof of his whereabouts during the holdup and stating he had no knowledge of the robbery.

According to Revere Police Capt. Philip Gallo, the man has a record for holdups and now is on parole from State Prison.

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