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AMERICA WILL NOT MAKE ANY REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE

Officials Decline Comment On Berlin's Denial Of Proposal

FRANCE WARNS ALL NATIONS KEEP OFF

Poincaré Looks Upon Intervention As An Unfriendly Act

Washington, March 17.—State department officials have received a statement of Germany's position regarding reparations. It was declared today, however, that the information delivered yesterday by Dr. Huns Heinrich Dickerhoff, counselor for the German embassy, failed to call for American action looking toward mediation or intervention in the reparations dispute between France and Germany.

Information presented was characterized as a statement of German position without a request for the United States to action. Officials said no reply would be made, neither would it be called to the attention of the French.

Officials declined to comment on press dispatches, denied in Berlin today, that Germany had formulated a new reparations proposal and showed some willingness to open negotiations when France withdraws her troops.

Unofficial advices say that German diplomats have expressed the view there will be no discussion of reparations while French troops are in the Ruhr.

Paris, March 17.—Premier Poincaré will not entertain any propositions with Germany until the Berlin government makes known directly and officially to France that she wants to negotiate. French official circles do, however, expect that a third power to intervene or provoke a discussion of terms under which settlement might be reached with Germany, it was added, would be regarded by France as an unfriendly act.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS DECREASE IN STATE

ACCORDING TO MONTHLY STATISTICS JUST RECEIVED FROM DEPT. COMMERCE

Columbia, March 17.—The South Carolina birth rate and death rate for the first nine months of 1922 each showed a decrease as compared with the same period of 1921, according to a provisional mortality table just received here from the department of commerce. The birth rate for this period showed a decline from 23.8 per thousand to 25.5 per thousand, and the death rate dropped from 12.1 per thousand to 11.4 per thousand.

Complete figures for last year are not available. But, in 1921, the birth rate in this state was 25.5 per thousand, and the death rate was 11.9 per thousand.

Of the states in the registration area, only two, North Carolina and Virginia, exceeded South Carolina in the number of births per thousand of population for the first nine months of the year. North Carolina, with 30 as a record, led all other states, and Virginia came next with 27.7 per thousand.

North Carolina had a lower death rate than this state, with a record of 10.8 per thousand, while Virginia was slightly higher, with 11.9 per thousand.

Births are compared by months for 1922 and 1921 as follows in the official statistics: July, 1922, 3,864; 1921, 4,228. August, 1922, 3,920; 1921, 4,522. September, 1922, 3,994; 1921, 4,449. Deaths are given as follows: July, 1922, 1,735; 1921, 1,677; August, 1922, 1,561; 1921, 1,683; September, 1922, 1,645; 1921, 1,789.

For the registration area, embracing twenty-nine states, the birth rate for the first nine months of last year showed a decrease over the same period of the preceding year of from 25 to 22.8 per thousand of population, while the death rate showed a very slight increase, from 11.6 to 11.7 per thousand. The birth rate for these states during the whole of 1921 was 24.7, and the death rate was 11.6 per thousand.

The highest mortality rate in the country for the nine months of last year was shown for Maine, 14.3, and the lowest for Idaho, 7.8.

The total number of births reported for the months of July, August and September was 370,205, and the number of deaths was 219,121, these being the figures for 1922.

DR. RAISIN TO SPEAK HERE TOMORROW

Dr. A. Raisin will arrive in the city tonight and tomorrow at 11 a. m. he will deliver a sermon from Exodus 12-25 on the Feast of the Passover or the Unleavened Bread. In Hebrew the Passover is known as "Pesach" and begins on the evening of March 21, but on account of Dr. Raisin not being able to be here on that day he will deliver his sermon tomorrow.

While in the city Dr. Raisin will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schaffer.

The Pacific Northwest produces nearly \$400,000,000 worth of lumber a year.

EICHELBERGER MAKES A UNIQUE RECORD

STATE CONSTABLE CLOSING HIS FOURTH YEAR OF WORK IN THIS TERRITORY

State Constable W. C. Eichelberger yesterday celebrated his fourth year of work in this territory by capturing one still, a quantity of mash, and one quart of whiskey in Darlington county, being assisted in the raid by Sheriff Register and his deputies. In the four years that he has acted as chief constable in the sixth congressional district Mr. Eichelberger has captured 601 stills; 50,595 gallons of mash; 753 1/2 gallons of whiskey; 654 bottles of extracts, bitters, etc.; 11,050 gallons of wine.

He has prosecuted 551 cases, securing 517 convictions, 22 acquittals and 12 not proved, in these convictions fines were imposed amounting to \$75,580, and days given on gangs and jails and penitentiary were 24,161.

The salary and expenses of the constable are about \$4000 a year. Mr. Eichelberger's record is said to be unique in this state.

PLAINTIFFS GIVEN VERDICT IN SUIT

The plaintiffs in the suit of the estates of Raleigh Bladen, Ellis B. Davis and Maxcy Odum, killed by an Atlantic Coast Line train while they were crossing the tracks at Edgecumbe in an automobile several years ago, were given a verdict by the jury yesterday afternoon as follows: Estate Raleigh Bladen, \$1800; Estate Ellis B. Davis, \$1800; Estate Maxcy O. Odum, \$4000. The suit was for \$10,000 in each case with punitive damages of \$10,000 making a total of \$40,000 asked. Judge Smith refused application of the attorneys for the Coast Line for a new trial.

GIRLS' COURT SOON BE READY FOR PLAY

The girls' recreation court which was started on the court house grounds some time ago and on which work was abandoned for a time, is expected to be completed and lighted the first of the week. Miss Tennessee Cottingham, who has had the work in charge, states that it is expected to be ready for occupancy within the next day or two.

POLICE ARREST MAN WITH CHICKENPOX

Following the report that a smallpox patient had escaped from Darlington and was supposed to be in Florence, the police yesterday picked up a negro man on the street who was all broken out on the face. The health commissioner, who investigated the man, found that he had chickenpox instead of smallpox, and he was placed in quarantine.

SONG SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

One more great song service will be held in Central Methodist church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. One hundred young people are asked to sit in the gallery to form a junior chorus. Everybody is cordially invited to come and enjoy a feast of song. The regular choir cordially invites all strong voices to sit with them as during the meeting last week.

SUNDAY AT THE "Y"

Professor S. H. Edmunds of Sumter city schools, will be the speaker at the men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon at 2.45. There will be music by the opera house orchestra and a selection by the ladies of the choir of the First Baptist church.

DRAMATIC INSTITUTE WILL NOT BE HELD

After going into the matter thoroughly the committee which was appointed to look into it, decided that right now was not a suitable time for taking up this phase of the community service activities. The question will be held open and considered again next fall, it was decided.

OLDEST BISHOP DEAD

St. Joseph P. Muro, March 17.—Rev. Maurice F. Burks, bishop of St. Joseph diocese and the oldest Catholic bishop in America, in point of service, died here today.

FOUR DEAD IN FIRE

Everett, Wash., March 17.—Four persons were killed and one injured in a fire which destroyed a bakery here today.

INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN RUN OVER BY A FREIGHT TRAIN

M. H. OWENS HAS HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY IN A. C. L. YARDS

WAS EMPLOYED AS A CAR INSPECTOR

WHEN LAST SEEN ALONE HE WAS CROSSING OVER MOVING TRAIN

M. H. Owens, a car inspector at the Atlantic Coast Line railroad shops, was instantly killed about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was run over by a freight train that was pulling out of the freight yards. Although there were no eyewitnesses to the tragedy, the nature of the wounds were such as to cause instant death, the head being completely severed from the body and the legs crushed and mangled.

J. C. Durden, who worked with the dead man, was perhaps the last man who saw him alive. Mr. Durden stated at the investigation after the coroner's inquest yesterday afternoon that a double-header freight pulled into the yards bound towards Charleston and that the two went out to make an inspection. He stated that Mr. Owens had on a raincoat and it is believed that this was caught in some way by the train after it had started moving and drew him under the wheels. The two were moving along beside the train which had already begun to draw slowly out of the yards. Mr. Owens crossed over the train and a few moments later Mr. Durden stated he saw him cross back over on the same side. Almost immediately he started to cross over again, and that was the last he saw of him, he said, until that he had been killed.

Apparently no one on the freight train knew of the accident, as the train pulled out and continued on its way to Charleston. A few minutes later Engineer Chas. Sanders, who was coming on to the track with the body and immediately made a report. Following the investigation by the coroner the body was taken to a local undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial.

Mr. Owens, who was 28 years of age, is survived by his wife and five children. He lived just outside the city limits in the country. His original home was at Manchester, Ga., where his parents now live.

WILL HOLD SING AT METHODIST CHURCH

A community service general sing will be held at the Central Methodist church Monday afternoon 7 o'clock at which numbers in the music memory contest will be presented. The public in general is cordially invited to be in attendance. The following special program in charge of Mrs. J. A. Grimley, will be rendered, with Mrs. Atwell at the piano.

Barcarole from the Love Tales of Hoffman, Mrs. H. J. Dickman, Jr. Melody in F—Rubenstein, violin solo by Robert Hodges, with Virginia Arail as accompanist.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS KILLED IN STORM

RED CROSS IS AIDING SUFFERERS IN STRICKEN TENNESSEE COUNTIES

Memphis, March 17.—Late reports show eighteen persons killed and hundred or more injured, with half a million dollars property damage in seven Tennessee counties by Thursday night's storm. The Red Cross is aiding sufferers. Wire communication is still uncertain.

ORDERS FEEDS TO GUARD SOCCO FORCIBLY

Dedham, Mass., March 17.—Nicola Sacco, a radical and convicted murderer, who has been on a hunger strike thirty days should be forcibly fed, an alienist informed Judge Webster of the superior court today. He is suffering from a mental disease.

FORTY SOLDIERS KILLED IN WRECK

Berlin, March 17.—A report from Freimerchheim, a Rhine town near Duisberg, says forty soldiers were killed and many injured when a French troop train collided with a freight train.

HEAVY RAINS STOP WORK ON STREETS

The extremely heavy rains of the past few days have put a stop to all city street construction work, and all crews have been called off until the ground dries off sufficiently to resume operations.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

R. L. Reed, R. D. Watts, and Miss Nell Moore, put on a community service program at the Industrial school last night which was greatly enjoyed by the boys and members of the faculty who were present.

LEGISLATURE ELECTS A. M. SCARBOROUGH SUPT. PENITENTIARY

TWO BALLOTS WERE NECESSARY FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MAKE DECISION

SIX CANDIDATES WERE IN THE RACE

COL. A. K. SANDERS, INCUMBENT, RAN SECOND ON BOTH OF THE BALLOTS

Columbia, March 17.—A. M. Scarborough, of Summerton, Clarendon county, was elected superintendent of the state penitentiary by the general assembly today. Mr. Scarborough succeeded Superintendent A. K. Sanders. Two ballots were necessary and Col. Sanders ran second on both of them. There were six candidates. Mr. Scarborough was nominated by Senator Padgett, of Walterboro. Col. Sanders was nominated by Senator Moore, of Sumter. E. W. Pursey, of York, was nominated by Representative Burdett of York. J. C. McCain, of Columbia, was nominated by Representative G. H. Ellison. J. Felder, of Orangeburg, was nominated by Representative Rentz, of Orangeburg, and Paul W. Cantwell, of Orangeburg, was nominated by Representative Sims.

DECLARES AMERICA IS AFTER THE ANTILLES

WOULD TAKE THEM IN SETTLEMENT OF FRENCH DEBT SAYS URUGUAYAN

Paris, March 17.—The United States wishes to secure the Antilles from France in payment of the French war debt, according to Adolfo Agorio, Uruguayan writer, in an article printed in the newspaper LeClair. The writer quotes the remarks he says Secretary Hughes recently made to the Antilles for defence and the Monroe doctrine never will attain its essential object as long as European colonies remain in America.

NEW OFFICERS OF COASTAL HIGHWAY

At the close of a largely attended and most successful conference held here last night, the Atlantic Coastal Highway association elected the following officers:

State chairman: Messrs Jenkins M. Robertson, of Charleston, for South Carolina, G. C. Smith, Brunswick, for Georgia; Norman Y. Chambliss, Rocky Mount, for North Carolina, and F. O. Miller, of Jacksonville, for Florida. The state chairman elected, Mr. Jenkins M. Robertson as new president of the association, and Mr. Fred G. Warde, of Brunswick, secretary. These two officers will succeed Mr. George C. Baldwin and Mr. Arthur V. Snell, both of Jacksonville.

It is stated that as the South Atlantic Ports' association will meet in Brunswick, Ga., during the fall, it is altogether probable that the South Atlantic Coastal Highway association will hold its next meeting there at the same time.

RIFLE SQUAD TO ACT AS ESCORT FOR VETS.

When the Confederate Reunion is held here in May, the American Legion Rifle Squad will offer its services as military escort to the Veterans. Preparatory thereto, the Rifle Squad will drill at six o'clock every morning during the month of April, except Saturdays and Sundays. The first of these drills will be held on Tuesday, April 2.

Practically the entire Squad has re-enrolled for the drills, indicating how much interest is taken in them. Although the Squad is to be somewhat larger this year than ever before, there are still a few vacancies to be filled, and members of the American Legion who wish to join it are requested to confer with Capt. E. R. Melver.

PETITION TO PAVE TWO MAIN STREETS

Lake City, March 16.—A petition has been presented to, and approved by the property owners on Main street and Acclime avenue for paving those streets. Everyone seen readily signed the petition. The Light commission has been turned over to the Town council as a result of the recent election. In consequence we are to have a reduction in rates and day as well as night current.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

City water will be cut off for 15 minutes tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to repair a valve at the plant.

TIMES' PHONES

Editorial and news department, social and personal items, Phone 225. Business Department, advertisements, complaints as to delivery of papers, subscriptions, contest, Phone 60.

Per Capita Education Tax Is Small In State Compared With West

Of more than passing interest is the report of the doing of the superintendent's division of the National Education association in Cleveland, Ohio, last week as it is given in The State newspaper by B. L. Parkinson, of the State Department of Education, and R. C. Burtis of Rock Hill, who were among the delegates from South Carolina. Others who went from this state were Patterson Wardlaw, D. B. Johnson, A. B. Rhett of Charleston, A. C. Hira of Columbia, W. H. Jones of Columbia, and D. L. Lewis of the state department of education.

"Mr. Burtis and Mr. Parkinson visited high schools in Indiana and Ohio before going to Cleveland," says The State. "They found one thing that was an inspiration—the annual per capita tax expense in those states for high school training is \$2.40 against \$36.15 in South Carolina. They found high school buildings and equipment costing from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000, and the scale of salary from \$1,800 to \$3,500 per annum for high school teachers.

"The typical high school day in that part of the country, where evidently much thought had been given to the subject, is from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. Special attention is given to mental, music and the applied arts. The latter does not include war painting and stick for a campaign against such facial distortions as being successfully waged in these schools.

"One of the most interesting things of the convention was the composite picture of the city superintendents of the country—a statement issued by the committee. The typical superintendent of the United States is found to be a man of 37, at a salary of \$4,000 per annum; he has a small automobile and he spends \$200 a year for books and periodicals. He has from 34 to 87 teachers on his staff.

"Mr. Parkinson says that one of the most interesting discussions of the departmental meetings was whether or not to adopt a rating of junior high schools. It was found 79 per cent of the schools of the country have the junior high school. It was decided to have no definite rating for the junior high, as it is yet in the state of formation and must work out its own destiny.

"In the school systems in great Northern states, there are 12 years before entering college. Some of these are six-three-three; others are seven-two-three; and still others are six-two-four. But 74 per cent of the schools of the country have the junior high school, taking up some-

WOFFORD PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO TEACHERS

DR. HENRY N. SNYDER MAKES SPLENDID ADDRESS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

A reasonably good gathering of teachers met this morning at the high school for the usual monthly meeting of the Florence County Teachers Association. Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of Wofford college, delivered in his usual charming manner, a splendid address on the force of books and libraries in education.

The business of electing representatives to attend the teachers meeting was taken up and Prof. J. J. McFall, superintendent of the Timmonsville schools, and Prof. George Briggs, principal of the Florence high school, were chosen to represent the association at the state meeting in Columbia in April.

County Superintendent M. M. Wilkes gave a short talk at the opening of the meeting, and his fellow teachers greeted him as superintendent.

WOFFORD PRESIDENT RULES TOLBERT CANNOT DRAW HIS SALARY

Washington, Mar. 17.—Joseph W. Tolbert cannot draw pay for serving as United States marshal under the present recess appointment, unless the appointment is confirmed, the justice department has ruled. Tolbert has not notified the department whether he will continue to serve or not.

PRESIDENT ENDS HIS VISIT TO MIAMI

Miami, Florida, Mar. 17.—President Harding concluded his stay here, today with morning and afternoon games of golf. He leaves tonight for Palm Beach.

THE WEATHER

For South Carolina: Fair and colder tonight, probably frost to the coast Sunday fair with rising temperatures; diminishing north and northeast winds becoming southerly Sunday.

A motorman employed by the street railway company of Green Bay, Wis., has a record of having operated his car through the streets of the city for 25,000 miles without one accident, without one report and without one complaint.

Cooperative marketing associations now exist in ten states.

where from the sixth to the ninth grade.

"There was not a high school in South Carolina public school system says Mr. Parkinson, when W. H. Hand undertook his remarkable pioneer work. The South is just that far behind the rest of the country for in 1865 the Middle West abandoned the academy system and put in the high school. And South Carolina is just now reaching the mile post passed some years ago by other states.

"When the several states were called upon for reports, Mr. Parkinson reported a gain in the high schools of this state of 65 per cent with an increase of \$1,000,000 in investment. Then he paused for applause, but it was not forthcoming. For when the other states reported it was found that the phenomenal development in this state is but typical of what is going on uniformly throughout the country.

"Mr. Parkinson talked of the 'high spots' that were approved on the program. One of these was an effort to arrive at some conclusion as to what is fundamental in education. Few definite conclusions were reached, but there is a hope that some day this question will be solved. Personal opinion is not being relied upon but research is being employed.

"Another high spot was school finance discussion. The universal problem is to obtain money for the proper provision for every child of school age. The total annual income of the people of the United States is \$54,000,000,000. Of this \$8,000,000,000 or 15 per cent is required to pay for local, state and federal taxes. Education costs \$1,000,000,000, or only two per cent. The department of superintendence went on record as believing that 'worth whatever found should be taxed to equalize educational opportunity of children wherever they live.'

"Another outstanding incident was the rejection of President Harding's plan, presented by his ambassador, John J. Tigert. The convention thinks that education is being subordinated in the president's plan for a new department in his cabinet and the convention went on record as favoring the Sterling-Towner bill which it endorsed a year ago. Education is of paramount importance and should be put on a plane equal to that of labor and commerce, it was thought.

"Another high light was the consideration and the time given to health work in the schools, and also to school building plans to provide sanitary hygiene space for housing school activities."

CHARLESTON MAN BUYS WALKER STOCK

25 PEOPLE PUT UP CHECKS FOR A THOUSAND EACH IN ORDER TO BID

I. Read, of Charleston, was the successful bidder in the sale of the bankrupt stock and fixtures of the G. T. Walker company, held at the store on East Evans street at noon today. Mr. Read paid \$11,435 for the stock and fixtures. His nearest competitors in the deal were J. F. Stackley and S. T. Burch, who were together.

Twenty-five persons put up certified checks for \$1,000 with the trustee in order to be permitted to bid.

DUBLIN FEARS AN OUTBREAK TODAY

London, Mar. 17.—Dublin today nervously wonders what the day will bring forth, according to a dispatch to the Daily Sketch. Troops are guarding every place of amusement to make sure a Republican proclamation against their opening today would be made ineffective. Belfast telegrams quote arrivals from Dublin as saying the situation is unusually tense. The streets are crowded with armed troops keeping an incessant watch. The rigid censorship imposed yesterday is still in force.

CUBS' NEW GRAND STAND

Chicago, March 17.—Chicago will have the largest single deck baseball stand in the country when the new Cub's park is completed for the opening of the 1923 season. The work is rapidly nearing completion at a cost of nearly \$400,000.

When finished the park will have a seating capacity of approximately 31,000 compared with a previous capacity of 16,572 grand stand seats and about 5,000 bleacher seats. The old steel and concrete stand, which was erected in 1914 by the Chicago Federal League club and taken over by the Cubs with the absorption of the Federal League in 1916, was cut into three parts. The side sections were moved back while the central section was left in its original position and the open space between the stands was filled with new sections.

There is practically no tin produced in the United States from domestic ore. Over \$1,500,000,000 worth of silk manufactures were sold in the United States last year.

CURB MARKET TO BE ESTABLISHED HERE BY FARM WOMEN

JOINT MEETING OF WOMEN'S COUNCIL AND CITY CLUBS HELD THIS MORNING

HOUSEWIVES OF CITY WILL SUPPORT IT

WILL ELECT ON COURT HOUSE HOUSE GROUNDS IF PERMISSIBLE

That Florence was greatly in need of a curb market where the truck and poultry growers could have some place to sell their products to the housewives of the city, was the unanimous vote of a meeting held this morning in the office of the county canning club agent in the court house. Present at this meeting were the directors of the council of farm women's organizations of the city.

There were a representative number of the women present and the matter was discussed thoroughly, the club women stating that the housewives of the city would support a curb market if it is established here. The failure of the two similar markets that were established in the past was discussed, and it was believed that they failed largely because of their location. An effort now will be made to secure space on the county court house grounds and a suitable building or shed will be erected and divided into stalls for the various displays to be made.

It was the sense of the meeting that should this location be secured and the proper effort put forward by the farm women to supply the market and the Florence women patronize it as they could there would be no question as to its success.

A committee was appointed by Mrs. E. M. Rogers of the Back Swamp community, who presided in the place of a president, who was absent, to take the question of securing a location on the court house grounds up with the county governing commission and report back to the report that will be called to hear their report. This committee was composed of Mesdames E. E. Howell, chairman; W. M. Waters, Forest Taylor, R. H. Farmer, H. E. Davis, J. B. Aiken, E. H. Lucas, and Edd Burch.

LOCAL BANK BUYS MARION BONDS

Marion, March 16.—Bonds in the sum of \$100,000, authorized at recent elections held here, were purchased by Farmers and Merchants Bank of this city, yesterday, bringing a premium of \$850. A number of sealed bids had been filed with the Town Council many of which offered premiums. The Council were highly pleased with the result of the sale.

The bonds are to mature serially and bear interest at five per cent. Under the new issue the money is to be expended as follows: For paving \$73,000; sewerage \$7,000 and drainage \$20,000. The actual construction work will commence at an early date.

The improvement program under the previous issue is almost completed, and the citizens are proud of the neat and city-like appearance of the streets and the progressive stride the town is making.

WM. F. HINES DIES

The Sampson, N. C., Democrat has the following concerning the death of Wm. F. Hines, of Turkey township, at the age of 83 years.

"Mr. Hines attended the High school at Warsaw as a youth and later entered Wake Forest college, but left that institution to enter the Confederate service, joining Capt. Jim Robinson's company, which belonged to Col. Wm. DeVane's regiment. "After serving honorably throughout the war, he attended Trinity college for a while, we are informed. Returning home he married Miss Caroline Colwell, and the couple lived together until the latter's death a few years ago, rearing nine children. Messrs James L. Hines, W. C. Hines, of Florence, S. C.; C. C. Hines, of Miami, Fla.; Manly Hines, of Florence, S. C.; Hugh Hines, Asheville, N. C.; E. K. Hines, of Clinton; Mrs. D. W. Blanchard, Magnolia; Mrs. Chas. Powell, Clinton, and Miss Mary Hines.

"Mr. James L. Hines has lived at the old homestead all these years and his father has been his daily companion since the former's birth, the two having been separated all these years no more than ten days at a time. Accordingly, the death of his father was an unusually grievous stroke for this the oldest son.

"The burial took place Saturday, the sermon being preached by Rev. E. H. Davis, of Clinton.

"Mr. Hines was for a half century a prominent citizen of his section and his hospitality was proverbial. "One more of the Confederate veterans has answered the final roll call and the thinning ranks will miss him and others who have gone these last few months at their next celebration."

BANDITS SHOOT UP TOWN, ROB BANK

Tacoma, Wash., March 17.—Two automobile loads of deputies were rushed to South Prairie today when information was received that bandits had robbed a train and were shooting up the country side.