

ONE BANDIT KILLED—ANOTHER FATALLY WOUNDED

CHOKOLUSKEE ISLAND SCENE OF ENCOUNTER

Leland Rice Shot and Killed—
Brother Frank Will Prob-
ably Die

POSSES AFTER OTHERS

Homestead Bank Robbers Sur-
prised When They Sought
Refuge Wednesday

One of the bandits who robbed the state bank of Homestead of six thousand dollars on Friday, September 15th, has been shot and killed and another is fatally wounded.

Posses in the neighborhood of Ten Thousand islands are hot on the trail of the other two and hope to kill or capture them soon.

The killed is Leland Rice, and the wounded his brother, Frank.

A telegram to The Herald this morning brought the news from Ft. Myers that the Rice brothers were shot when attempting to land on Choculuskee island.

The information was also conveyed that two posses are seeking John Tucker and Hugh Alderman, believed to be the other members of the bandit band.

Telegram in Full

The telegram follows:
"Ft. Myers, Fla., Sept. 23.—
Leland Rice, alleged to be one of the four bandits who robbed the state bank of Homestead, Fla., of six thousand dollars a fortnight ago, was shot and killed, and his brother Frank Rice, probably fatally wounded yesterday afternoon when they sought refuge on Choculuskee island south of here, according to officers who brought Frank Rice here for treatment.

"Two posses again are seeking James Tucker and Hugh Alderman, alleged to be the other two bandits."

Headed for Ten Thousand Islands

When the four bandits slipped through the cordon of guards and escaped, it was at once said by persons familiar with the Florida coast and with the bandits, that they would attempt to reach the Ten Thousand islands.

It now appears from the Associated Press dispatch that their deduction was correct, for Choculuskee is in that vicinity, and would have afforded a haven for the bandits had they been able to elude their pursuers.

The personnel of the posse who followed the trail of the bandits is not yet known here, but it is believed at least two of the men composing it had motives other than a mere desire to bring law breakers to justice—revenge for the deaths of the Hendersons and Williams.

Nearly all of the men who composed the posses who went out with Sheriff Hardie to hunt the men who robbed the bank of Homestead and afterward killed Allen and Will Henderson and Charles Williams of Homestead, and wounded Will Anderson of Silver Palm, have returned.

Four on the Trail

There are at least four men who still kept up the hunt for the bandits, however, and declared their intention to follow them to the Ten Thousand islands. These four men were Dan and Randal Henderson,

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brothers of two of the men killed by the bandits, Frank Richards, and W. Collins, marshal of Okeechobee City.

Sheriff Notified

Sheriff Dan Hardie was called from his bed by The Herald at 1:30 this morning and told the news from Ft. Myers. He had heard nothing of the shooting of Leland and Frank Rice.

Sheriff Hardie said he was glad the bandits were being killed, and hope the others would be killed or captured. He added that he had reason to believe Dan and Randal Henderson and others had gone to the vicinity of Chokoluskee.