

MASKED HIGHWAYMEN.

Full Particulars of the Train Robbery Near Fresno.

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The Express Car Blown Open With Dynamite and the Contents of the Safe Secured—The Actual Amount Taken Not Yet Known—The Messenger Injured—Passengers Thrown Into a Panic—Statements of Eye-Witnesses to the Affair.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FRESNO, Aug. 4.—Los Angeles Express No. 17, which was here at 12:10 o'clock this morning, was held up by masked men at Rolando station, about seven miles west of this city. The robbers are believed to have secured \$15,000 out of the express car, although the exact sum is not known.

Two robbers boarded the tender as the train was pulling out of Collis, about fifteen miles west of Fresno. They covered the engineer and fireman with double-barreled shotguns and announced that they had to obey their orders under penalty of death. When the train passed Rolando station the engineer was ordered to stop. The fireman was ordered with a lighted cigar to touch off the fuse of a dynamite cartridge which the robbers had placed on the tender.

The robbers then ordered the engineer to get off the train and to walk a short distance along the track, while they proceeded to bombard the two doors of the express car by exploding dynamite cartridges, about eight in all, which tore the door into splinters and smashed the floor of the car.

The robbers, who were masked and completely disguised, entered the express car, and covering Louis Roberts, the messenger, with their double-barreled shotguns, ordered him to open Wells, Fargo & Co.'s safe.

Roberts set about doing this, but was so excited and nervous that he forgot the combination and so informed his captors. They thereupon struck him a heavy blow on the head with a gun and threatened to kill him unless he immediately opened the safe.

When the desperadoes exploded the first cartridge on the engine the passengers poked their heads out of the windows to see what was going on, but they drew them back again when they felt the pistol bullets and buckshot whistling past their ears.

Like an earthquake. The explosion of the bombs that were employed to wreck the express car rocked and shook the train with all the force of a violent earthquake. A window in front of the passenger coach was shattered into atoms by the concussion.

After the highwaymen had made their escape into the darkness the engineer sent a short dispatch to the depot in this city announcing that the train had been held up, and had proceeded slowly on its way, the train arriving here at 1:30 P. M., an hour and ten minutes late.

The time occupied in blowing open the car and securing the treasure was not more than twenty-five or thirty minutes. A large crowd was awaiting the arrival of the express and the fireman rolled in with the tooting of whistles and clanging of bells that gathered around the shattered express car and locomotive to inspect the extensive work of the dynamite cartridges.

Although only two men appeared to do the principal part of the work, it is believed that there were several confederates, for several buckshot were found imbedded in the rear passenger coach.

STATEMENT OF A PASSENGER. Among the passengers was S. W. Hollis, representing C. M. Block and company of Newark, N. Y. He made the following statement to a *Republian* reporter: "We left Collins at 12:10 o'clock and had gone about seven miles when a brakeman came through the train and announced that the next station was Fresno. I stepped out of the train and saw eight or nine bombs fired in all and half a dozen or more gunshots. I learned afterwards that two men had boarded the tender as the train pulled out of Collis, and, climbing on to the engine, commanded the engineer, under pain of death, to obey their orders and to stop the train when they gave the word. He stopped at the signal, which was a bomb fired alongside the track. Then they ordered the engineer to stop the train and take a walk up the track out of the way, and they began to blow open the doors of the express car. After they had accomplished this they commanded the messenger to open the safe. He attempted to do so, but was so excited and rattled that he forgot the combination, but the robbers beat him on the head with a gun and told him that they would kill him if he didn't open the safe. This he succeeded in doing and they took the money. After doing this they made the engineer place a dynamite cartridge on the piston rod of the driving wheel, and after exploding it ordered the engineer to stop the train and to blow the car open the messenger had one of the robbers covered with his gun, but one of the train hands was in the line of fire and he called out to the fireman that the train had got out of the way the robbers had the messenger covered, and he was compelled to surrender."

Mr. Hollis brought with him to the Grand Central Hotel a pair of shoes belonging to the messenger. Luckily they were not on the messenger's feet at the time, for they were torn into tatters by one of the bombs.

W. E. Knowles of Selma saw two men get on the tender at Collins and saw the brakeman about it, but the brakeman said that he supposed they were only tramps.

About the time that the train was stopped some of the passengers saw a light at some distance from the track, and another light in a farmhouse along way off. E. Elliott of Bakersfield had curiosity to poke his head out of the car window, and he had also the good sense to withdraw it when a bullet whistled close to his ear that it would be well for him to do so.

Some of the railroad hands reported that two men slid two handcars last night from the roundhouse, and went up the track with them in the direction of Collis.

The express messenger sustained a severe scalp wound, and possibly a fracture of his ribs. When the door was blown open he was hurled against the roof of the car by the force of the explosion.

THE FIREMAN'S STORY.

William Lewis, the fireman, had not recovered his self-possession when the train arrived in Fresno, and it required an effort on his part to tell a connected story. "We were about six miles east of Collis," he said, "when the engineer, Al F. Jones, and I, two men crawling toward us over the water tank. They were heavily armed. Each had a revolver in his belt and a shotgun hanging from a strap around his neck."

"Hold up your engine, you ——" cried one of them, and the other one told us to hold up our hands. Both were pointing revolvers at us and we did as we were told. After we were stopped we were ordered to get off the cab, and were told that we would not be harmed if we did as they ordered us. The robbers then gave each of us a cigar and told us to smoke."

"You bet we did," answered the fireman. The engineer was then ordered to put out the headlight and to go ahead on the quarter mile. They then ordered him to get under the hood and to look at the gang plank and then fire several volleys, in order, I suppose, to keep anybody in the town in a state of doubt. The robbers then let the engine and went to the express car. I didn't hear them ask the messenger to open the door, so far as I know, they opened the door at the car as soon as they got there, losing no time in parley. I saw only two robbers, and I saw only one of them. After opening the safe they turned the engine and they came down to the engine with it. Come out, you ——" said one of them, and they ordered me to get out. They ordered me to help them carry the money some distance down the track, and hit me on the shoulder with the butt end of their guns and ordered me to get out. They ordered me to carry one of the bags, there were three or four in all; I don't know exactly how many. After walking several hundred yards they ordered me to make a fire and made it. Before leaving, however, they placed a bomb on one of the wheels of the engine and exploded it. The bomb did considerable damage, and it took us nearly two hours to make repairs. I can't give a possible description of the robbers, because their faces were entirely hidden from view by masks made from some light-colored material. They wore dark clothes, and one had a wide-brimmed hat and the other a narrow one. They were very determined, and as the messenger business and would stand no fooling, so we did as we were told."

THE STORY CORROBORATED.

Engineer Phillips' account of the stopping of the train was similar to the fireman's. He did not see the robbery, being too far away from the cars. "I saw the men crawling toward us," he said, "and I immediately knew what was up. They ordered me to hold up the engine and then our hands. I told them I had no money, but they insisted that they could have and hoped they would not take our lives. They answered that they did not want either my watch or my money, but they wanted to see what they could do with the engine. They then made me get off the engine, and ordered me to go to the headlight, which I did. They then directed me to go ahead about a quarter of a mile, and I obeyed their orders. I saw the men get out of the train, but I had no suspicion that they were train robbers."

CONDUCTOR HARBAGH DID NOT SEE THE ROBBERY.

Conductor Harbaugh did not see the robbery except in his mind's eye, but he saw the men get on the train at Collis and stopped it when six miles out. "They first fired a volley or two from their guns, and then they ordered me to get on the train and to go ahead to see what was the matter. He found out before we had gone many steps and wisely sought the engine, and he found me there and he and the other trainmen remained until the danger was past. "The Alameda recently Association has reported to have jumped off the car and landed in his hands. He started to go ahead, carrying a revolver in his hand, but turned back on being fired upon. He concluded that discretion was the better part of valor, and he did not attempt to return on the train who seemed inclined to assist him in making a sortie. "Several persons say that the robbers, after they had left the train, were on horseback. A rancher, who was on the train, stated that he saw four horses saddled and ready to start. The Oakland men were in a batting mood, and hit Harper hard, particularly in the latter part of the game. The San Jose team could do little with Harper's delivery, and up to the eighth inning made only five safe hits.

BASEBALL.

The San Jose and Los Angeles Teams Again Defeated.

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RANCH FIRES.

Considerable Quantity of Grain Burned Near Red Bluff and Chico.

RED BLUFF, Aug. 4.—A fire at the Gallatin ranch Tuesday burned six stacks of wheat, the property of a Mr. Moran. There were also burned 100 acres of standing wheat, belonging to Gill Bros. The loss is about \$3,000. Moran was insured for about \$1,200. Moran was insured for \$1,000. His loss is about \$1,500.

RANCH FIRE NEAR CHICO.

CHICO, Aug. 4.—A fire occurred on the Rancho Chico yesterday afternoon, in the grain field rented by P. M. Gray. The fire caught on stubble and lapped up a setting of about 400 stacks of barley. The fire was caused by wood-choppers burning brush. The grain was fully insured.

SUICIDE AT STOCKTON.

Charles Hubner Ends His Life by Taking Morphine.

STOCKTON, Aug. 4.—Charles Hubner, aged 33 years, committed suicide in a lodging-house at the corner of Weber Avenue and Sutter street today by taking morphine. He was the eldest of the sons of Mary Hubner, whose husband died some years ago, leaving her with considerable property. Young Hubner was dependent through his mother's refusal to advance him money to start in business. He is reported to have thought of the house that he would take his life if his mother did not come to his assistance. He was interviewed and he made a success by word and obtained that for which he went.

Koebler's Visit to Australia a Success.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—Alfred Koebler, after several months' sojourn in the colonies, returned this morning from Sydney on the steamer Mariposa. Mr. Koebler the gentleman employed by the State to go to Australia and obtain a passport for the Union at Genoa was on our fruit trees. When seen this morning the gentleman said that he was not ready to be interviewed and he made his report to Secretary Leloup of the Horticultural Commission tomorrow. Suffice it to say, however, that he made a success by word and obtained that for which he went.

RIOT AT DUQUESNE MILL.

Clubs and Stones Freely Used by Desperate Strikers.

QUIET RESTORED BY THE ARRIVAL OF THE MILITIA.

The Democratic Caucus Agreement in Regard to the World's Fair Appropriation Being Carried Out Accordingly to the Programme—Government Officials at Washington Not Alarmed Over the Reported Seizure of Johnson Island by the British.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

HOMESTEAD, Aug. 4.—The moral suasion of clubs and stones was adopted by a few desperate strikers at Duquesne today. Yesterday it became evident that a break was imminent, large numbers of strikers having gone back to work. Foreman Mileslag of the mechanical department was ordered to report with thirty men this morning. A number of the strikers determined to stop them, and twenty men went from Homestead to assist. By 7 o'clock this morning 300 men had gathered about the gate, and as fast as the company arrived they were ordered home. Foreman Mileslag made some resistance, and was stoned and beaten. Deputy Sheriffs were hemmed in by the crowd and were unable to help him. Hugh Boyce, boss carpenter, managed to run the gauntlet and get in in safety, though sharply chased. Another man also managed to get inside, and then the strikers proposed to storm the works.

A telegram was hastily dispatched to Brigadier-General Wiley, and the Sixth Regiment was sent on a special train. As soon as the soldiers marched up the street the strikers fell back, and the company proceeded to the gate. The repair men could go to work this afternoon, however, being too badly frightened. Treasurer Curry of the Carnegie Company, says a majority of the old men at Duquesne wish to go back to work. There is nothing new at Homestead today.

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THREE PEOPLE KILLED.

The Torrent at St. Paul More Disastrous Than First Reported.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 4.—The effects of last night's torrent were more disastrous than first reported. Three people were killed and seven badly injured. The victims are Mrs. August Adams, Fred Horn and Mrs. Kreiger. The fatally wounded are: Philip Stoehr and his 5-year-old son, August Adams, Frederick Kreiger, Paul A. Keuk, Henry Ludwig and John Willich.

JOHNSON ISLAND.

The Government Not Excited Over the Reported Seizure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The report that the British Government had taken possession of Johnson Island, in the Pacific Ocean does not excite much interest in this country for the reason that the island is of no value for strategic purposes and because its supply of guano is practically exhausted. At the Department of State it is said the United States has exercised a jurisdictional right over the island since 1838, when the American ship *Thetis* was captured by the British and occupied it. Territorial jurisdiction, however, has never been claimed by the United States and the island has never been annexed. The United States would exert its jurisdictional rights over the island to protect the guano company in pursuit of its business, but it is said there would be no conflict with the territorial jurisdiction set forward by any other government. In case the guano company abandons operations on the island this Government would have no jurisdiction whatever over it.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Denver Expects a Great Throng of Visitors.

DENVER, Aug. 4.—Will the railroad officials be able to handle the mighty throng which will visit the city Sunday and Monday to attend the Knights Templar Conclave? There is an expression of anxiety on the faces of the railroad men concerning the situation. When the plans were made for receiving the Knights Templar, it was thought that the throng would be opened by the sweeping reduction in rates. It is now prophesied that the rate change is made in the programme there will be a blockade which will not be disentangled for weeks.

DESTRUCTIVE HALLOSTROM.

ST. HILAIRE (MINN.), Aug. 4.—A disastrous hailstorm this morning laid low all grain in a large strip of country. Many farmers report the grain not to be worth cutting.

VANDERBITT TRUST COMPANY.

New York, Aug. 4.—The Vanderbilt Trust Company will probably soon be one

one victim was examined, John Kneebone, a blacksmith at the Frisco mine.

He stated that he saw the smoke of the first shot fired near Gen on July 9th, and was positive it was discharged by one of the party of union men who were hidden behind logs of wood. Several minutes after the explosion occurred, and the Frisco mill collapsed. He declared that he would know the man who carried the powder if he should see him again.

After the explosion Kneebone and his comrades determined to surrender, and by four men who robbed him of all he possessed and told him to leave the country. He missed the next steamer, but caught one the following day and went to Cour d'Alene City, thence to Spokane.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

ST. JOSEPH (MO.), Aug. 4.—Julius Clemens this morning shot and killed Mrs. Philippa Morgenthaler and then blew his own brains out. Clemens had been arrested some time ago on a charge of setting fire to one of his houses. She was acquitted and instituted a suit for damages. The attorneys told Clemens the woman had a good case and brooding over the matter, it is thought, was the cause of his crime.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 4.—It is stated in Catholic circles as a certainty that at the next meeting of the Pope's consistory the Holy Father will announce the appointment of Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul as a member of the College of Cardinals. A prominent Catholic, who is in constant communication with Rome, says: "The appointment of Archbishop Ireland to the College of Cardinals is just as sure as any event that has not transpired."

MAN AND HIS WIFE MURDERED.

FALL RIVER (MASS.), Aug. 4.—Andrew Borden and wife were found dead at their home, 92 Second street, this morning. Both had been frightfully mutilated about the head and face with some sharp instrument. The bodies were found on the street half an hour before the couple were found. There is no clue to the murderer yet.

SHOT HIS COMPANIONS.

SEYMOUR (IND.), Aug. 4.—This morning a party was returning from a night cool hunt when William Greer, under the influence of liquor, quarreled with the rest of the party and began to shoot. William Wilson was fatally wounded, and John Finnan seriously and Shorty Wilson and a man named Loertz slightly. Greer made his escape.

THE WATERS OF THE RIO GRANDE.

EL PASO (TEXAS), Aug. 4.—Acting Governor Piementel and Governor-elect Albuqueque of Chihuahua, Mexico, have arrived here to confer with officials of the United States concerning the division of the waters of the Rio Grande for irrigation. Governor Albuqueque says the subject will be treated in a spirit of fairness.

THREE YOUNG LADIES DROWNED.

DAVENPORT (IOWA), Aug. 4.—Three young ladies were drowned in the Mississippi River today at Port Bann, Ill., while bathing. The names are: Mary Hollinger, Blanche Simonsen and Grace Maxwell. The last named lost her life trying to save the other two.

A SHAKE IN WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 4.—An earthquake was distinctly felt at Burlington, New Munster, Wisconsin and other places last evening. Clocks were thrown out of their frames and the walls shook, causing many people to run out of their houses to investigate.

ALABAMA ELECTION.

MONTEAGUE (ALA.), Aug. 4.—Reports from all counties here indicate that Governor Jones' majority will be in the neighborhood of 20,000.

FIRE AT PARIS, TEXAS.

PARIS (TEXAS), Aug. 4.—The National Oil Mills and machinery were burned yesterday. Loss, \$250,000.

ALASKAN ADVICES.

Captain Healey Rescues a Survivor of a Hunting Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4.—The Associated Press has received news from Unalakleet by the steamer St. Paul of the movements of the United States revenue cutter *Albatross*, which is on duty in the Bering Sea. The cutter is on duty in the Bering Sea. The cutter is on duty in the Bering Sea.

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GUARDING AGAINST CHOLERA.

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CHAMPIONS OF THE CUE.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—At Vignaux's Academy this afternoon Plot and Schaefer played three cushion-carom games of fifteen points up, which were won by the former after Schaefer had scored twelve. In the evening Schaefer and Carter played a billiard game of 50 points up with Plot and Garnier, which resulted as follows: Schaefer 125, Carter 174, total, 300; Plot 135; Garnier 167—total, 240.

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CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 4.—There were sharp earthquake shocks at Parras yesterday. Many buildings were damaged. There were several slight earthquake shocks throughout this valley this afternoon. Yellow fever has appeared at several Central American ports. There have been many deaths.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SUSPENDED.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—*Le Temps* publishes advice from Madagascar to the effect that the diplomatic relations between the government and French residents have been suspended, owing to the intrigues of British missionaries.

MORLEY FOR CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Associated Press is authorized to state that John Morley has taken the position of Chief Secretary for Ireland. The Liberal whips are arranging for a division of the House on Tuesday.

TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 4.—Warsaw papers report that the town of Rzecz, in Volhynia, was set on fire during the year of the late war. Six other cases are reported in the city. Official returns show twenty-two cholera deaths in the city and eleven in the suburbs during the past week.

EMPEROR'S YACHT DEFEATED.

COWES, Aug. 4.—Emperor William's yacht *Meteor* was beaten again today by the yacht *Queen Mab*. The race was for the Cowes cup.

CELEBRATED PAINTER DEAD.

VIENNA, Aug. 4.—The celebrated painter Leopold Maderer died here today.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

GRASS VALLEY, Aug. 4.—Thomas H. Wadley, who was crushed in the Idaho mine last Friday, died this afternoon of his injuries. He leaves a wife and three children.

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