

HORRIBLE CRIMES.

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Untimely End of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams.

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The Killing of Miss Williams Believed to Have Been Committed to Cover Up Evidence of Blanche Lamont's Murder—Theodore Durrant, a Medical Student, Under Arrest Charged With the Crimes.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The Emanuel Baptist Church, on Bartlett street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third, in this city, has been the scene of two of the most atrocious murders ever committed in the State. Yesterday the mutilated and murdered body of Minnie Williams was found in the library of the edifice. To-day the dead and nude body of Blanche Lamont was found in the tower of the same church. The same hand, the authorities believe, slew both girls, and W. H. T. Durrant, the young man suspected of both crimes, is now in custody.

Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams were members of the Emanuel Baptist Church, and members of the Sunday-school class. The former was a pupil at the Normal School on Powell street, in this city, and the latter was a companion in a family in Alameda, across the bay from this city. Both were 21 years old, brunettes, pretty and modest girls. Both had been recipients of attention from a young medical student named W. H. T. Durrant, who is also the librarian of the church and the Secretary of the Young People's Society of the church.

On April 13 Miss Lamont disappeared. Diligent search failed to reveal any trace of her whereabouts, and Mrs. Noble, with whom she lived, was totally unable to account for her absence. Miss Lamont came from Dillon, Mont., several months ago, having been sent to San Francisco for her health, and at the same time to attend the Normal School to perfect herself as a teacher. The last person seen in her company was W. H. T. Durrant, a young medical student, who, it appears, had been on friendly terms with the missing girl.

On Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the mutilated body of Minnie Williams was found in the library of Emanuel Baptist Church on Bartlett street. The girl had been assaulted and her remains had been cut and hacked, the girl having evidently died from loss of blood. On further examination it was found that she had been gagged, the assailant tearing part of her underclothing and thrusting it down her throat with a sharp stick, badly lacerating the tongue.

Two witnesses state that they saw a young man and a young woman entering the church, the former answering the description of Durrant and the latter that of Minnie Williams. Following this clue the police at once put the residence of Durrant under surveillance.

Miss Williams lived with friends in Alameda, who gave her a home until she could secure a position. She had been a regular attendant at Emanuel Baptist Church, but on the separation of her father and mother had removed to Alameda. Friday morning the Morgan family, with whom she lived, had packed their household goods preparatory to moving, and Miss Williams had removed her possessions to the house of Mrs. Voy, near the church.

Friday evening Miss Williams was to have attended a meeting of the Young People's Society of Emanuel Church at Dr. Vogel's house. At 7:15 o'clock she left Mrs. Voy's house to attend the meeting, taking a latch key with her. She never appeared there. About the same time Durrant left his home on Fair Oaks street, in the same vicinity, bound for the same meeting. At 8 o'clock Durrant met Philip Perkins and asked him some questions about a trip to Mount Diablo which the Signal Corps, of which he was a member, was to make next day. At 9:30 he appeared at Dr. Vogel's residence, where the Young People's meeting was in progress, and none were merrier than he during the remainder of the meeting. At 11 o'clock he left with a party of young people and went home. The next morning Durrant arose early, and left with his comrades of the Signal Corps for Mount Diablo, fifty miles away.

The two murders are so closely connected that it is now necessary to go back to the Lamont case. Yesterday Mrs. Noble, the aunt of Miss Lamont, received through the mails a paper containing the three rings worn by her niece when she disappeared. On the paper were written the name and address of Theodore Durrant. This, together with the fact that Miss Williams, an intimate friend of Miss Lamont, had been heard to say that she knew Blanche had been murdered, had led the police to suspect that the same man who had killed Miss Williams had slain Miss Lamont, and learning that Miss Williams knew of his first crime, attempted further concealment by committing a second murder.

Late last night the detectives had about decided that Durrant had murdered Miss Williams, and this theory was further strengthened this morning, when, on making a thorough search of Emanuel Church, the dead and outraged body of Miss Lamont was found concealed in the tower. The body was lying just inside the door of the tower-room, naked and on the floor. Around the neck there were a few streaks, the marks of fingers that had been pressed deep into the tender flesh. The mouth was open, showing the regular teeth. The features were badly distorted, being drawn down at one corner, and the lips were swollen and blood-stained. The nose was the only feature that retained its original shape, for the cheeks are bloated. The girl's light-brown hair was matted with dirt, and hung loosely about her shoulders. The body was in the first stages of decomposition, the odor emanating from the remains having reached the nostrils of the detectives before they opened the door.

When the officers reached the head of the stairs they found the door leading to the tower-room locked. They could not see, and one of the officers struck a match. As the light flared they saw before them the dead body of the girl for whom they were searching. The body was taken to the Morgue, where it was placed on a slab by the side of Minnie Williams.

As soon as the news became known immense crowds surrounded the church, and had to be kept back by the police. The Chief of Police sent for Rev. Dr. Gibson, pastor of the church, and reports became current that he had been accused of the crimes. Crowds surged to Gibson's house, and the excitement grew more intense. It soon spread all over the city. The rumor of the arrest was denied, and it became known that Dr. Gibson and the sexton of the church had been merely called before the police to tell what they knew.

At 5 o'clock came the news that Durrant had been arrested at Walnut Creek, on the road to Mount Diablo. He was caught by Detective Anthony, who left in pursuit early this morning. The detective and his prisoner left on the next train for San Francisco, where they arrived this evening. An immense crowd had gathered at the ferry to see the suspected murderer come in, but a detachment of police was in waiting, and they kept the crowd back. Durrant was hustled into a patrol wagon and whirled away to the City Prison, where he was locked up.

The police are certain that they have the right man. They claim to have two witnesses who saw Durrant and Miss Williams in the church on Friday night, and also state that when a search was made of Durrant's house to-day in the pocket of his coat was found a purse which Miss Williams is known to have carried Friday night.

Durrant is about 23 years old, and was born and raised in the neighborhood in which the murders occurred. He is a graduate of the Cogswell High School, and has been studying medicine for a year. He is a member of the Second Brigade Signal Corps, and was Assistant Superintendent of the Emanuel Sunday school. He was always of a quiet disposition, and his friends refuse to believe, in spite of the evidence, that he committed the crimes attributed to him. The police, however, think that Durrant is another "Jack the Ripper," with a mania for murder.

It is stated that it is highly probable that Durrant is responsible for the killing of Eugene Ware, a young drug clerk, who was stabbed to death several months ago in the store where he worked. No trace was ever found of the assassin, and the theory is that Durrant killed him. A motive for this murder was discovered, and the fiendish cruelty of it (Ware was stabbed in eighteen places) leads to the belief that it was the work of an insane person.

Durrant's parents are highly esteemed members of the district in which they live. His father is chief engineer in Buckingham & Hecht's large shoe factory, and while not rich, has been able to give his children a good education and start them in life.

Detective Anthony met Durrant and his companions coming back from Mt. Diablo. They were in uniform, and had been on a sailing expedition. When Durrant was placed under arrest his comrades at first wanted to resist the officer, but finally allowed him to be taken to Walnut Creek, where the officer and his prisoner boarded a train for San Francisco.

When they arrived at the prison, as already described, Durrant, in his regimentals, was taken to the Chief of Police's office for a searching examination. He appeared very much unconcerned, and when told that Miss Lamont's body had been found, did not lose his nerve, although he appeared greatly shocked and serious.

After the examination by the Chief, Durrant was taken to a cell, where he was joined by his parents and a lawyer. He made the following statement to the Association of Press representatives: "The last time I met Miss Lamont was on the morning of the day she disappeared, April 13. We talked about books, and I promised to bring a book for her to pray meeting that night. Miss Lamont did not appear at prayer meeting, and the following Friday I took the book to her house and gave it to her sister. The letter told me that Blanche had gone to school, evidently trying to keep the fact of her disappearance secret. That is all I know of the Lamont case. The last time I saw Minnie Williams was three weeks ago."

When confronted by the evidence that Miss Williams' purse had been found in his pocket, Durrant gave the following explanation: "I was going home from the meeting at Dr. Vogel's when my foot struck an object on the sidewalk. I picked it up and found it was a small pocket mirror. Near by was a purse, which I also picked up and put in my pocket. I took both purse and mirror home with me, intending to tell my parents of my find. It was late, however, and I went right to bed. In the morning I was in a hurry to get away with the signal corps and forgot all about it."

The police take exception to Durrant's statement that he had not seen Miss Williams for three weeks. They say they can prove that he was with her on Monday and Tuesday and possibly later. From all appearances, Miss Lamont was

not murdered in the room where her body was found. The body had been dragged up the belfry stairs and into the tower room. Her clothing was found stuffed into various corners of the room.

About the time this morning that Miss Lamont's body was found the congregation of Emanuel Church were on their way to attend their Easter service, for which elaborate preparations had been made. When they arrived, however, and learned of the crime they fled horror-stricken from the spot. The church was locked and guarded by the police all day.

In his statement to the police, Rev. Dr. Gibson, in his belief in Durrant's innocence, but is unable to offer any theory as to the actual perpetrator of the crime. This much can be said of Durrant, he did not act like a guilty man when arrested, and his preparations to leave with the signal corps were made without concealment, and before the murder of Miss Williams. Even the police force admit that it seems incredible that he would commit the crime unless afflicted by a mania for that sort of work. No charge has been placed against Durrant.

Chief Crowley, in speaking of the case to-night, after detailing the circumstances of Miss Williams' disappearance last Friday night, and the fact that a person answering Durrant's appearance had been seen entering the church with a woman who answers Miss Williams' description, said: "Durrant made his appearance at Dr. Vogel's house at 11:30 p. m., remaining there until about 11:45. Vogel states that at about the time Durrant was at his house Durrant was somewhat excited, and that great beads of perspiration came from his forehead. His hair was disheveled, and he asked Dr. Vogel's permission to wash his hands and comb his hair before he made his appearance here. The young people were waiting in the church, and he had just returned from the signal corps, and afterwards his hands were soiled. He afterwards came down stairs, after washing his hands and combing his hair, and during the evening read a letter purporting to come from his sister in Germany, and after reading the letter he seemed more composed."

About a month ago, I am informed, Durrant accompanied a young lady from church, and during the conversation which ensued he asked the young lady if she was not suffering from some female complaint, and suggested to her that he would prescribe for her; that she agreed to take the medicine which he gave her, and that it did not benefit her. On a later occasion, after church, Durrant asked her if she had ever been examined. She was so surprised at this question, and answered that she had never been examined, and that she could not be examined; that her folks would attend to that. He then told her there was no fear of detection, and he proposed that he knew a good place in the church where no one would find it out. She was very much surprised at his offer, which she indignantly refused.

When Durrant left Dr. Vogel's residence, at about 11:30, he left there in company with a young man named W. H. T. Durrant, and a number of young ladies. They walked from Vogel's house to Twenty-fourth and Howard streets, and the parties separated, and Durrant continued west on Twenty-fourth street. About 12:15 a. m. Wolf went to his stable and saddled his horse, and crossing the corner of Twenty-fourth and Bartlett streets, he noticed Durrant standing on the sidewalk. Durrant's relations had been somewhat strained. Miss Turner is a teacher in the Sunday-school, and has known Durrant since she first entered the church last May. She says that he was very much interested in his studies, and fond of describing the horrors of the dissecting room, and seemingly lost to any feelings of reverence for the human body. Miss Turner has been connected with Durrant in compiling a catalogue of the Sunday-school library. The first pages of the catalogue were written by Durrant. Others were written by George King, and identified by Miss Turner herself. She identified Durrant in the catalogue in several places, and then, when a copy of paper in which Blanche Lamont's name was returned to Mrs. Noble, positively identified the writing of the name George R. King on the paper as being that of Durrant. She said that it would take conclusive evidence to prove to her that any one other than Durrant wrote that name.

The detectives have two theories with regard to this paper and the catalogue. One is that Durrant wrote the name of King, thinking to connect the absence of Blanche Lamont with him. The other is that Durrant picked up a stray paper without noticing the name on it, and sent it off, seemingly anonymous.

During a conversation with the detectives, when Miss Turner was examining the different handwriting specimens, she exclaimed in an excited and passionate manner: "I would have fallen a victim to him, too, if I had not said no."

Then followed the story as to Durrant's action. Miss Turner also said that on the Sunday night following Blanche Lamont's disappearance, Durrant seemed worried, and she had a conversation with him, using the fly leaf of a hymn book, she said, which troubled him, writing: "Money matters or love, one or the other I know it is." He wrote in reply: "No; it is something a hundred fold greater in importance to me."

It has been learned that Durrant had been engaged to Miss Flora Upton, a governess in a family at Minner, Merced County. She was a graduate of the high school in this city. Durrant told Miss Upton that he was expecting to graduate from the medical school this summer. He was an earnest student, and his standing in none of his classes fell below 97 per cent. The young people had not looked forward to any termination of the engagement on graduation, as Durrant had a name to make in his profession before he could think of matrimony.

Measured by the characteristics which are usually found in murderers, Theodore Durrant is the last man whom anybody would suspect of committing a murder. He is described by his friends as a gentle, conscientious young man, of a moral character so high that he chose most of his companions from the Sunday-school of which he was assistant superintendent. Tobacco, liquor, profanity and vulgarities were vices in which he never indulged. Durrant was born in Canada, twenty-four years ago. When 9 years of age he removed to this city with his parents, and has lived here ever since. Early in his career he manifested a religious inclination, and a few years ago joined the Baptist Church.

Miss Lamont was born in Rockford, Ill., nearly 21 years ago. When she was 10 years old she removed with her family to Dillon, Mont., but lived there only a short time, her father having become

cashier of a bank in Butte. Conditions at Butte were not satisfactory for the children, and Mrs. Lamont took Blanche, her three sisters and brothers back to Rockford to educate them. After graduating she returned to Dillon. There she taught school until proscribed by typhoid fever last summer. The climate was not suitable to the convalescing girl, and Blanche was sent to this city to her aunt, Mrs. C. G. Noble of 300 Twenty-first street, where her sister is still living.

Detective Gibson, in speaking of the discovery of the body of Blanche Lamont in the little room in the steeple of the church, said to-night: "A glance was sufficient to tell that the body was that of a very young woman, and that she had been dead some days. It was entirely nude, and at first glance there did not appear to be a mark or spot on the smooth skin to indicate that death had come by violence. The body lay on its back, perfectly straight, with the arms drawn up and the hands folded over the breast. The long, thick hair of the dead girl was drawn from under the head and lay along the floor in a shiny, silken stream."

"The murderer had closed the eyes of his victim, and turned her head to one side, fearful that the blood which flowed from her mouth and became a pool upon the floor might drip through the balcony below. Fearing even that the dead might move, the murderer had thrust a block of wood between the wall and the dead girl's head. The straightened limbs had been kept in position by pieces of wood. The floor of the little landing was covered with dust, which in the immediate vicinity of the body had been disturbed, as if by the sweeping of a cloth. In many places footprints were visible, the marks being such as would be left by a No. 8 or No. 9 shoe."

The detective said that from the landing where the body was found a man can climb into the interior of the spire by ascending a rough ladder, formed by coats nailed across the studding on one side of the room. The detective searched this place. First he found the skirt of the murdered girl. It had been thrust down between two timbers with infinite pains. The space where it was found was extremely narrow and dark, and not a trace of the skirt was visible. After finding the skirt, in quick succession, articles of clothing, some torn and worn, were drawn from their hiding place in the spire. Behind an angle formed by rafters the officer found a shoe. Its mate was found an hour later behind some boards nailed to the brace. The stockings were together, crammed into a crack no larger than a cable slot. The corset was tucked in behind a beam that supports the roof of the church, a story above where the body was found. Each of the undergarments was tucked away in different places. On some of them slight blood stains were visible, and all were either badly torn or sufficiently so to show the haste with which they had been ripped from the body.

The work of hiding was done with the greatest care, and it must have cost the murderer over an hour of careful labor to carry the clothing up the sides of the tower beams and hide it away piece by piece.

J. George Gibson, the pastor of the Emanuel Church, has made a written statement to the press denying rumors that he at any time sought to have the finding of the murdered body of Blanche Lamont kept quiet. He said that he slept in the church, or that he was in hiding. He also tells how he came in company with the young ladies and members of the church, and that he refused to see reporters because he wanted to aid the police and prepare a statement.

SKIPPED FOR PARIS UNKNOWN.

Two Young Men Leave San Jose, Entering to Paris, from B.H.

SAN JOSE, April 14.—Two young men claiming to be brothers, and giving their names as J. Harris and J. H. Harris, skipped from this city to-day after a lively visit of a week. They stopped at the Hotel Vendome, and made a lavish display of money on a number of occasions, but they left an unpaid board bill of \$31. A bicycle that they hired and which they had used in a number of places, and then, when a copy of paper in which Blanche Lamont's name was returned to Mrs. Noble, positively identified the writing of the name George R. King on the paper as being that of Durrant. She said that it would take conclusive evidence to prove to her that any one other than Durrant wrote that name.

DISPUTED TITLES.

Promise of Interesting Litigation Over Sixty City Property.

STOCK CRY (Iowa), April 14.—Great excitement has been caused here by belief among the property holders that the titles to all the property in the business part of the city are defective. According to the records, the original plat is situated in section 16, while in reality the town is in section 18. All the descriptions in the deeds of the property are consequently in error. It is further complicated by the failure of Henry Aldren, the founder of the town, to sign the plat, and the omission of the name of the person who had the plat surveyed to correspond with the Government survey. There is talk of an effort by the original owners to force all the present occupants of the property to vacate. An interesting litigation is in prospect.

Oscar Osen Seriously Injured.

SAN JOSE, April 14.—An accident occurred on the Garden City Cycles' recent track here to-day, and Oscar Osen was seriously injured. He and a number of others were speeding behind a tandem pacemaker, when the front wheel gave way and he and those behind him were in a heap instantly. It was found that Osen had been knocked insensible by the fall. A number of his teeth were knocked out, and there was an ugly cut on his forehead between the eyes. It was several hours before he regained consciousness. Wells, Castleman and Tony Deimas were also slightly injured.

Fire in a Mountain Town.

KANSAS CITY, April 14.—A special to the Journal from Plattsmouth, Mo., says: Fire started this afternoon in the Stomum fire barn and spread rapidly. At 8 p. m. the entire south side of the town has been destroyed, and the fire is still burning fiercely. Among the buildings burned is the Courthouse. The damage already done is estimated at \$300,000. Plattsmouth is a town of 5,000 inhabitants. After the receipt of the above dispatch telegraphic communication with the place was cut off.

Convention of Republican Clubs.

CLEVELAND, April 14.—A committee of prominent Republicans is now in Indianapolis to invite ex-President Harrison to deliver an address at the convention of the Republican Clubs in this city in June. Invitations will also be extended to Governor McKinley, Senator Allison, ex-Speaker Reed, Chauncey M. Depew and other prominent Republicans.

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In less than an hour from the time the fire was discovered in the cupola at the southwest corner of the building the high structure was leveled to the ground, and the only thing left standing to mark the spot was the tall chimney of the furnace.

The fire was discovered at 9:20 by a boy outside, who saw a cloud of smoke issuing from the windows of the cupola on the fourth story. The alarm was at once given, but the flames burst forth before a drop of water could be brought, and the strong wind, almost a gale, which was blowing in from the sea, fanned the flames at an alarming rate. There was no hope for the building from the start.

There were about 150 guests at the hotel, 100 of whom were members of the Car Accountants' Association, whose special train stood at Raymond station. The guests acted in an orderly manner, and succeeded in saving a few personal effects, though most of them lost everything. No one was injured seriously, but in trying to save something a few were burned about the face and hands, and one of the guests was well shaken in jumping from the roof of the veranda. The electric fire alarm was sounded in each room as soon as the fire was discovered, and in less than ten minutes every person had left except a few mechanics, who tried to save the trunks. The hotel was supplied with fire apparatus, but no one remained to work it as the host was too intense.

The Hotel Raymond was built in 1884 by Walter Raymond of the firm of Raymond & Whitecomb Excursion Company, which has hotels in New England and Colorado also. The ground on which it stood was an immense overlooking the San Gabriel Valley. The cost of the building and grounds was \$250,000. The building and furniture were insured for \$200,000 in Boston, New York and San Francisco companies.

Colonel W. E. Wentworth, the resident manager of the hotel, was in the office of the hotel when the alarm was turned in. He cried like a child as the flames from the huge structure went skyward, but later he was concerned only for the comfort of the guests and the army of servants employed. It was reported that many of the guests and most of the help went at once to the Green Hotel in Pasadena, where quarters are secured for them.

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A novel feature of the fiesta already very noticeable is the lavish street decoration. It is seldom that a city is so completely transformed from its ordinary appearance into such a veritable bower of beauty in so short a time. Merchants and property-owners along the lines of march which the parade will follow and all the principal streets have buried their buildings beneath masses of palm leaves, pine boughs, flowers and garlands, and the fire is still burning out, and there was an ugly cut on his forehead between the eyes. It was several hours before he regained consciousness. Wells, Castleman and Tony Deimas were also slightly injured.

daughter of the sunny southland, and her routine will arrive in the city, and at 11 p. m. there will be a grand triumphal march to Central Park. It will be a colossal pageant of torches, lanterns, producers and secret societies. In the evening a grand concert will be held in the pavilion.

On Wednesday evening there will be a magnificent illuminated parade, including the Pageant of the Pacific, illuminated displays by merchants, grotesque military and other organizations and grand special and novel features, with a brilliant review at Central Park.

Thursday has been set aside as Children's Day, and the most grand display of the city will appear on parade in their best bib and tucker. In the evening the grand carnival music ball will be held. Friday will be a grand parade of the city, and on Saturday the carnival will close with a gorgeous floral pageant, which will be reviewed by the Queen of the Carnival, the highest official of the city, and on Saturday the carnival will close with a gorgeous floral pageant, which will be reviewed by the Queen of the Carnival, the highest official of the city, and on Saturday the carnival will close with a gorgeous floral pageant, which will be reviewed by the Queen of the Carnival, the highest official of the city.

TRAGEDY AT TACOMA.

A German Girl Shot to Death, the Murderer Counting on Being Acquitted.

TACOMA, April 12.—Maggie Gardner, a pretty German girl, was shot and killed this morning by Mike Pfeiffer, a crank, who imagined he was her lover. Pfeiffer then shot himself, and died almost instantly. Maggie was a servant girl in the employ of A. Weinberg, and was unusually unassuming and lady-like. She was 24 years of age, and had a very good education. Pfeiffer was a mechanic of little means and good address. He secreted himself in the woods of the Weinberg residence in a small manner last night, and at 9 o'clock this morning Maggie went out to get some wood. She had picked up a few dollars when Pfeiffer hid. His bullet entered her when Pfeiffer fired through her brain. She died at 12:30 o'clock at the Fannie Hadock hospital. She was 24 years of age, and Mr. Weinberg says she was the best daughter he ever had. She helped support an ailing father and two younger children.

Pfeiffer had been paying her attentions for three years, but she did not like him and told him so. On March 27th he was arrested on her complaint, charged with threatening to kill her, and Mr. Weinberg would kill her before she would marry another. The case was continued two weeks, and last Monday was dismissed because of the insanity of Pfeiffer. Mr. Weinberg wanted to prosecute him, but Maggie said he was too much of a coward to kill her, and asked him to do so. Last night she was observed by Pfeiffer to walk out with another young German, his rival. Pfeiffer was a member of the San Francisco German Turnbund, and a Mason.

STAGE HELD UP.

The Express Box Taken and the Driver Relieved of His Money.

COLUSA, April 14.—The stage running between Colusa and Princeton, owned by John Boggs and the Oregon Boggs line, was held up by two masked men about five miles from Princeton yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

The driver, Henry Cole, who was alone, was driving along slowly, when two masked men stepped out from the roadside, and pointing a brace of revolvers at the driver, ordered him to halt. Cole's hands went up promptly, and the robbers then compelled him to throw out Wells, Rogers & Co.'s treasure-box, thinking the robbers had stolen it. Cole, thinking the robbers had stolen it, threw away the money, and was about to pick up the reins, when he was stopped by the gruff command of the driver, who said: "Get down with you get. Get down off that stage and hold up your hands." Cole hesitated a moment. There was the click of a pistol, and the driver said: "You get down, or I'll blow your head off."

The driver then sprang from the stage, and the larger of the two robbers, who seemed to take the lead in everything, commanded the smaller to "Keep a head on you, and I'll go through him." Cole was then searched, his money secured, and he was then ordered to get back on the stage again and drive on, and lost no time in obeying.

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