

WOOLLY WEST TRICK

TWO ROBBERS HOLD UP POSTOFFICE FULL OF MEN AT CASTLE.

Gas Inspector Leach Has Farmers Arrested for Burning Flambeaux

—Big Oil Strike.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

UNION CITY, Oct. 11.—Last evening about 6 o'clock the postoffice at Union City, belonging to John H. Castle, four miles northwest of this city, was "held up" and robbed by two masked desperadoes.

The store was filled with farmers at the time.

The store is an assembling point at night for the neighborhood party to this city.

There were four or five men in the store, saving the Nation, as usual, when two men rode up on horses, tied their animals and entered the store.

Both wore long flowing false beards, which covered their faces, and the inmates had hardly made a mental note of these facts when they were startled to see each of the intruders produce a shining revolver and heard a gruff demand to hold up their hands.

Every hand in the room went up without a moment's hesitation and remained so while one of the men went through their clothes.

Three watches, \$15 in money and a number of postage stamps were taken.

The highest bidder then said they hoped the citizens had enjoyed the visit, mounted their steeds and disappeared, leaving the little group of farmers completely dod-gadged, as one put it.

After they had recovered from their astonishment they sent a party to this city after the officers.

During the past six months a number of robberies have been reported from this section.

It is now believed to have been the work of some one well acquainted in that section of country.

NATURAL-GAS FLAMBEAUX.

Farmers Arrested for Allowing Them to Burn Against the Law.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASH, Ind., Oct. 11.—J. Townsend, a well-known farmer at Blackton, county, and J. E. Green, manager of the Renner stock farm near Hartford City, are under arrest charged with violating the law against natural gas flambeaux.

Their trials are set for next Monday and Tuesday.

The prosecutions are begun by State Gas Inspector Leach, who detected the use of waste of natural gas in flambeaux.

Mr. Leach made a personal visit Wednesday to the Renner and Townsend farms, where they were found to be burning flambeaux.

Three were burned night and day on the former farm, and two on the latter.

Mr. Leach says he has only made a beginning in prosecutions and will travel the gas field in search of other violators.

Dr. Coultas and Dr. Steele the Main Speakers Yesterday.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASH, Ind., Oct. 11.—The second session of the fifth annual conference of the Indiana Epworth League began this morning, with some five hundred delegates in attendance.

The various departments had been allotted an hour each to give a review of their work and some advice concerning the same.

The address of the morning was delivered by T. I. Coultas, of Indianapolis, who chose for his theme "Applying the Christian to the World."

Dr. Coultas is an orator of ability, and he has recently taken the church workers of this city by storm.

Melms and Weaver at Seymour.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Oct. 11.—The Jackson County Sunday School Association began a two-days' session in this city today with a fair attendance.

At the concluding night Charles D. Melms, State superintendent, and Charles L. Weaver, State secretary, delivered addresses.

Mr. Melms is a native of this city, and he has recently taken the church workers of this city by storm.

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THE RICH COL. NORTH

AN ENGLISH MILLIONAIRE WHO DID NOT INHERIT HIS WEALTH.

The Daily Life of the Nitrate King, His Recreations and Love of Sport—His Ostend Scheme.

London Letter in New York Tribune.

Colonel North, the nitrate king, is an English representative of what is familiarly known in America as the self-made millionaire.

He was born in Leeds, the town where he recently contested the re-election of Mr. Herbert Gladstone to Parliament, and, without having the advantages of a thorough education, he rose to the position of a successful engineer.

He called for South America in his early youth with a reserve capital of perhaps £20 in his pocket.

Landing in Valparaiso he speedily made use of his practical knowledge as an engineer and, subsequently, secured employment as a surveyor.

He surveyed some of the salt beds which have been recently discovered. The Peruvian government, by purchasing the nitrate lands and works and establishing the business as a state monopoly, brought on the disastrous war with Chile.

When the struggle ended in the negotiation of the treaty of Ancón the Bolivian coast and the nitrate provinces of Peru were Chilean conquests.

This was the young English engineer's opportunity. He had formed an idea of securing the adoption of the nitrate monopoly by the Chilean government, which would have given him a full scope for his engineering talents.

He had begun by compelling the producers to sell their nitrates at a fixed price to the government, which could then export them to the world.

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RUSSELL CONFESSES.

Says His Name Is Krahn, and That He Merely Took His Own Stock.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Charles Russell, the Englishman who was arrested Thursday night charged with stealing fifty shares of Canadian Pacific stock from Mrs. Gordon, in London, and who claimed that he bought the stock from Herbert Krahn, who had been intimate with Mrs. Gordon, confessed to-night that he himself was Krahn. He did not do so, however, until he was shown the following cablegram, received by Captain O'Brien from Scotland Yard:

"Name Russell unknown. Krahn wanted for stealing those shares. Aged thirty-six; five feet eight inches; dark; rather stout; foreign appearance."

Mr. Russell answered to this description. He was engaged in speculation in London in 1882; advertised for rooms and was received by Mrs. Gordon. He lived upon terms of intimacy with her until March, 1885, and gave her \$4,000 in money and securities. He is now in London, and is believed to have fled to the continent when her husband, who was seventy years old, died, she would inherit \$40,000 and the title of Mrs. Gordon.

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