MASKED ROBBERS ATTACK A CAR

Five Highwaymen Seize Conductor at Eighth Avenue Line Uptown Terminus and One Stabs Motorman in the Hand.

THIEF IS KNOCKED FROM CAR WITH AN IRON BAR.

Police Capture Three of the Desperadoes, Who Are Held in Bail of $1,000 Each—Hope Soon to Arrest Others.

Five bold highwaymen, their faces hidden by handkerchiefs, made a desperate attempt to hold up an Eighth avenue surface car at Eighth avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street early to-day.

Motorman Thomas Gargan, twenty-six years old, of No. 317 East Thirty-seventh street, was stabbed in the hand while resisting the highwaymen, and one of the robbers was struck with an iron bar and knocked off the car by Conductor Charles McCarthy, of No. 843 Amsterdam avenue.

Three of the desperadoes were captured, and the police say they hope to get the other two.

The highwaymen made their attempt in true Western style, but they evidently had counted the motorman and conductor easy prey. In this they were mistaken.

The Eighth avenue line ends at One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, there being a switch there where the cars arriving from the south shift over to the downtown track. The "L" station is overhead, there being several tracks covered with unused cars, and the darkness is intense on the street underneath.

Five Jump on Car.

There were no passengers on the car, and Gargan, the motorman, was just switching over to the downtown track when three men, their faces partially concealed by handkerchiefs, jumped on the forward end of the car. At the same time two men, also disguised with handkerchiefs, jumped on the rear end of the car and tackled the conductor, McCarthy.

The three men in front ordered Gargan to stop the car and shut off the lights. One of them held a revolver to his head and another thrust a long knife against his breast.

Gargan could see no policemen near there, but he had seen two of them standing under the "L" station at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, and instead of obeying the command of the highwaymen he turned on the full power and started the car on a run down the track. At the same time he began to pound the gong with his foot and fought the men off as well as he could.

The highwaymen, seeing his intention, attempted to grab the controller from his hand, but he would not let go, and finally the man with the knife stabbed him in the right hand, with which he controlled the brake.

In the mean time the two men who had tackled McCarthy had ordered him to throw up his hands. They were unarmed and he refused, pushing them away from him, while he stooped and grabbed up an iron coupling bar that was lying on the rear platform. The two rushed him and he struck one of them a blow with the bar. The blow landed on the robber's head and breast and knocked him off the car. He landed in a heap on the ground and seemed to be stunned. His companion, seeing McCarthy was more than they bargained for, jumped off the car and ran back to his companion.

Policemen to Rescue.

The two policemen at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street, looking up when they heard the clanging bell, saw the struggle. They were John Devanney and Alexander Knierin, both of the West One Hundred and Fifty-third Street Station. As they ran to the car the three highwaymen on the front platform jumped off and dashed up the steps to the "L" station with the evident intention of running across the viaduct into the Bronx. The two officers pulled their revolvers and fired a couple of shots as they dashed in pursuit. They captured three men on the "L" station.

When they returned to the car with their prisoners Conductor McCarthy told of the two who had been on the rear platform. A short search revealed the fact that both of these had managed to escape, and the prisoners were taken to the West One Hundred and Fifty-thirdStreet Station.

Gargan's hand was bleeding profusely where he had been stabbed and an ambulance was sent for, but he refused to go to the hospital. The wound was dressed and he continued on his trip downtown.

At the station the three prisoners gave their names as John Woodley, nineteen years old, of No. 303 West One Hundred and Forty-seventh street; Charles Bolster, nineteen years old, of No. 2919 Eighth avenue, and William Bullis, twenty years old, of 2843 Eighth avenue.

Policeman Alexander Knierin, who assisted in the capture of the robbers, has been out of the school of instruction but three weeks.

Prisoners Held in $1,000 Bail.

When arraigned before Magistrate Baker, in the Harlem Police Court, this morning, the prisoners pleaded not guilty and were held in $1,000 each for examination on Monday.

The policemen told the Magistrate that they expected to get other members of the gang to which the prisoners belong and hoped to get the young men who got away when the three prisoners were arrested.

Patrolman Devanney, of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station, arraigned with the prisoners William Ruddy, twenty-one years old, of 346 Eighth avenue, whom he arrested this morning on suspicion of being connected with the hold-up. The policeman requested Ruddy's discharge, stating that he had been convinced that the young man was ignorant of the matter.

REPEATS INCENDIARY FIRE.

Two mysterious fires within a few hours in the saloon of Samuel Stence, at Graniteville, S. I., are believed by the police to have been of incendiary origin. The first fire was discovered at 10 o'clock last night and was put out after a loss of a few dollars. The second fire started at 4.30 this morning and was extinguished with small loss. The police are investigating the fires to-day. The saloon is fully insured.

COTTON JUMPS ON POOR CROP REPORT

Excitement in the Market When Government Figures Are Announced, and Bears, Who Were Aggressive, Driven Back

OCTOBER ESTIMATE 65.1.

Prices Pushed Up 20 Points on Lively Trading, in Which December and January Share Prominence with the Present Month.

Cotton prices soared on the Cotton Exchange to-day after the monthly Government report was published. It had been predicted confidently that the conditions would be 68 per cent., so that when the report showed but 65.1 per cent. prices jumped from 5 to 20 points and the shorts rushed to cover.

The excitement was intense and the market as wild as at any time during the Brown corner. At the opening October sold at 9.18; December at 9.5; January, 9.29, and May, 9.39.

At 10.15, the time that the Government report was made public, the floor of the Exchange was quiet and every broker was waiting. Two minutes after brokers were falling over one another in their efforts to cover their shorts.

October in a few minutes was up to 9.43, December to 9.47, January to 9.47, May to 9.50. It was noticed that on the rise Theodore H. Price was a seller, while W. P. Brown bought cotton freely.

The Price followers contended that the Brown following bought on the crop news and did not consider that the spinners were in so bad a shape that they could not buy cotton at the present prices, but would have to wait for lower figures.

Prices later sold off a few points, but held better than the sellers had expected. When it is considered that the condition is bettr than last year and but little below the average for ten years, the crop is not such a bad one.

In speaking of prices to-day Theodore Price said:

"The Bureau report indicates a condition of 65.1. This is 7 per cent better than last year, and with an increase in acreage of 4 per cent., the indicated crop is 11 per cent better than last year. This would give us a crop of about 11,700,000, which is the figure foreshadowed by my correspondents in the report I published on Sept. 28.

"This is certainly far in excess of the world's probable consumptive requirements of American cotton this year at present prices and ad about 4,000,000 bales of cotton must come in sight and be marketed during the next two months I do not believe that present prices can be maintained."

The market closed very steady with October, 9.39; November, 944; December, 9.45; January, 9.46; May, 8.56.

At the close there was a general opinion that the market on Monday would be very feverish and irregular. The buying by W. P. Brown caused some of the shorts a great deal of anxiety for Mr. Brown has been right so much lately that he is believed to be almost infallible.

DEPUTY CAPTAINS IN TWO PRECINCTS

Sergts. Wilson and Hays Sent to West Side Section to Assist the Regular Police Commanders.

Following the example set by the Police Departments of London and Berlin Police Commissioner Greene to-day appointed two lieutenants of police to assist the captains of the West Thirtieth Street and West Forty-seventh Street stations. The men appointed were Sergt. James A. Wilson, of the West Thirtieth Street Station, who will have his duties at the West Forty-seventh Street Station, and Sergt. Cornelius Heys, of Tremont, who will be moved to the West Thirtieth Street Station to assist Capt. Burfeind.

The duties of the lieutenants will be to assist the captains at all times and to have absolute command in the absence o fthe captains. Neither will be expected to do desk duty at any time.

Commissioner Greene also announced that h ewill appoint four new captains, nine sergeants and fourteen patrolmen next week. There are only four vacancies for captains, and this will only move up four sergeants and four patrolmen to the sergeant vacancies, but there is money on hand now, and the Commissioner explained that he would take advantage of it to appoint five extra sergeants and ten extra patrolmen.

Roundsman Stephen S. Walsh was caught coming out of a saloon to-day by Deputy Commissioners Eisstein, Piper and Davis. The Deputy Commissioners were coming from luncheon, and at Bond and Elm streets spied the roundsman.

"hWat do you mean by this?" asked Mr. Ehstein.

Walsh's explanation was not satisfactory, and charges were preferred against him.

BANK MERGER IN EFFECT.

Western National and United States Joined with Bank of Commerce.

The merger of the Western National Bank of the United States, of New York, into the National Bank of Commerce in New York City became effective at the close of business to-day, and on Monday morning the combined banks will do business under the name of the latter at the offices of the Bank Commerce, in Nassau street. During the afternoon such of the banks' effects, records and treasure as will be needed at once were removed to the new bank. The Western National went out of business at noon, the close of the legal banking day.

The offices of the Western National will be kept open for some time for the closing up of certain business.

STOCKS FIRM, BUT THE TRADING DULL

New York Central and St. Paul Led in the Market, Which Was Narrow and Controlled by Professionals.

STEEL WAS HELD UP WELL.

Metropolitan Also a Prominent Feature, While Union Pacific and Atchison Figured in the Trading—Bear Tip on B. R. T.

Under the lead of New York Central and St. Paul the stock market closed strong to-day. The news during the day had little effect on prices, which opened off, following London's lead, but good buying by commission houses stopped the decline and there was a slight rally, followed by fractional declines. Just before the bank statement was issued there was a rally that carried St. Paul to 141, Union Pacific to 71 5-8, Atchison to 64 3-8, and others showed like advances. When the statement came out prices sold off, but rallied again and closed close to the top.

The feature of the day was the contraction of business and the speculative apathy. The market was narrow and professional, but the traders were afraid to take any decided stand over the holiday. The cotton report was without effect on the Stock Exchange and few paid any attention to it.

Profit taking in the Eries caused a decline of nearly a point. There was no news to cause this decline, but so much of the stock was bought low down on the tips that were freely circulated when Mr. Harriman's entrance into the directorate was made that it was to be expected that some of the stock would be again thrown upon the market.

Just before the close a bear clique, which has been fighting every advance of Missouri Pacific, made an attack upon the stock and forced it down 1 per cent.

The Steel issues, which opened strong, held firm all day. General Electric was strong on the report of excellent business and made a gain of 3 points.

Metropolitan was strong and closed with a substantial net gain. The tip that Brooklyn Rapid Transit was to go lower was freely circulated. It was said that the Rockefellers had their eyes on the property, but wish to buy it at lower figures. Despite these reports the stock held well.

The total sales of stocks were 241,000 shares and of bonds $2,337,000.

The Closing Quotations.

To-day's highest, lowest and closing prices and net changes from yesterday's closing prices or from last recorded sale are as follows:

	High.	Low.	Clos.	Net Change
Amal. Copper	42¾	41½	41¾	— ⅝
Am. Smelt & Ref.	43	42½	43	+ ⅝
Am. S. & Ref. pf.	87	87	87	+ ⅝
Am. Sugar	112	111¾	111¾	— ¼
Am. Sugar pf.	116¾	116¾	116¾	— ¼
A., T. & S. F.	64⅝	63⅞	64	— ½
A., T. & S. F. pf	89	88	88	— ½
Balt. & Ohio	75¾	75¼	75¾	— ⅞
B. R. T.	34¾	34⅛	34⅜	
Can. Pacific	121¼	120¼	120⅝	— ⅝
Ches. & Ohio	30½	30⅜	30⅜	— ⅝
Chi. G. West	15⅞	15¼	15⅞	— ⅝
Chi. G. West. B.	26½	26½	26½	— 1⅛
C., M. & St. P.	141¼	140⅝	141	+ ⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	40¼	40¼	40¼	— ⅝
Erie	29	28⅞	28¾	— ⅝
Erie 1st pf.	67	66½	66½	— ½
Erie 2d pf.	49¼	48¾	48¾	— ½
Illinois Central	130¾	130½	130½	— ½
Louis. & Nash.	98¾	98	98¼	— ¼
Met Securities	78¼	78	78⅞	— ¼
Manhattan	131½	131¼	131½	— ¼
Metro. St. RR.	107	105⅞	106½	+ ⅝
Mo., Kan.&Tex.pf	36½	36¼	36¼	+ ¼
Mo. Pac.	96⅝	89⅝	89⅝	— 1
Norfolk&West. pf	88½	88¼	88½	+ ½
N. Y. Central	117¼	116¾	117	
Ontario & West.	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝	— ⅝
Pennsylvania	119⅝	118⅝	118⅞	— ⅝
People's Gas	92½	92¼	92¼	— ¼
Reading	48⅝	47½	48	+ ¼
Reading 1st pf.	75	75	75	
Reading 2d pf.	64	63	64	+ 1
Rock Island	26⅛	25⅞	26	— ¼
Rock Island pf.	69½	69	69	— ½
South. Pac.	42¾	42⅛	42¼	— ½
South. Ry	19⅝	19½	19¼	— ½
South. Ry. pf.	77	77	77	— ⅝
St. L. & S. F. 2d pf	48	48	48	+ 1½
Texas Pacific	24½	24	24	— ⅝
Union Pacific	71⅝	71	71	— ⅝
U. S. Leather	7¾	7¼	7¼	+ ¼
U. S. Leather pf	77	77	77	+ ¼
U. S. Steel	18¼	17⅞	18	+ ¼
U. S. Steel pf.	64½	63⅞	64⅞	+ ¼
Wabash	20	19⅞	19⅞	— ⅛
Wabash pf.	32¼	31¼	31½	— 1
West. Un. Tel.	82	81¾	82	— ¼

BANK STATEMENT GOOD.

Heavy Decrease in Loans was the Best Feature

The bank statement to-day was much better than even those who expected a good statement anticipated. The feature that pleased Wall street particularly was the $4,144,600 decrease in loans. It was believed that in view of the payment of the $5,000,000 to J. P. Morgan & Co., by the bond conversion syndicate that the loan account might show an increase.

The decrease in deposits made the reserve required $1,036,150 less than last week. As the loss in cash was $1,064,500, the decrease in surplus reserves was cut down to but $631,800.

This leaves a surplus of $13,937,500, against $1,819,200 for the same week of last year, and of $15,560,025 in 1901.

The statement follows:

Loans, decrease	$4,144,600
Deposits, decrease	4,130,800
Circulation, decrease	11,800
Legal tenders, decrease	1,057,100
Specie, decrease	607,400
Reserve, decrease	1,664,500
Reserve required, decrease	1,032,700
Surplus, decrease	631,800
Ex. U. S. deposits, decrease	1,162,800

LONDON TRADING GOOD.

American Stocks an Exception—Close Dull and Irregular.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Money was fairly abundant in the market to-day and rates were easy. Discounts weakened, partly under the influence of the shipment of gold from India to London. Business on the Stock Exchange was cheerful. Consols were buoyant on easier money, but closed slightly below the best quotations of the day.

Americans opened with an uncertain tone, and dealings in these securities were restricted, owing to the unsettled closing of Wall street yesterday and doubts concerning the New York bank statement. They closed dull and irregular. The Grand Trunk traffic return strengthened the quotations of that stock. Prices closed easier.

PLAGUE IN RIO JANEIRO.

RIO JANEIRO, Oct 3.—Some cases of bubonic plague have been discovered at Campos, State of Rio Janeiro. Campos is a railroad town on the right bank of the Rio Parahyba, 137 miles from Rio Janeiro. It has a population of 27,000.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

China, Glass and Silverware.

A most elaborate stock of bric-a-brac, high art Bronzes, Potteries, Porcelains, Clocks, Lamps and Curios is now on exhibition.

Some of the most beautiful pieces are of Japanese Bronze, Silver Cloisonne, Sevres, Dresden, Hadley's Worcester or the curious "Koube" Bronze.

The Nouveau Art influence is shown in many of the tinted metal candlesticks, the bronze clocks and mountings for the exquisite Teplitz Vases.

Buckhorn as liqueur stands, ink wells, etc., French glass set in gilt and silver floral frames, and numerous ornaments handsomely painted by well known artists are among the "objets d'art" that make the ideal wedding or congratulatory gift.

Sterling silver or fine plate-ware is introduced in many exclusive patterns, as are the dinner sets and household china.

The Cut Glass is unusually extensive in its variety and the quantity on exhibition. These designs are singularly handsome, mostly exclusive and extremely moderate in cost.

Such a display, except in the museum or art gallery, can hardly be duplicated

Patrons are respectfully invited to make a visit of inspection.

Twenty-third Street.

Stern Brothers

Desire to call the attention of those contemplating new LACE DRAPERIES to a very exclusive assortment of IMPORTED LACE CURTAINS.

Estimates and Sketches submitted for special work including Panels, Vestibule Curtains, Stores Bonne Femme, Bed Sets, Tidies and Bureau Scarfs, which are made in their own workrooms.

Special attention is also called to "FLANDRES," an entirely new and exclusive lace for curtains.

West Twenty-third Street

Stern Brothers

In their Upholstery Department are now showing the newest designs in fabrics pertaining to Hangings and Coverings.

Replicas of Rare and Antique Tissues, interesting to artistic tastes, are included in the collection gathered from the various European markets.

Drapery Decorations of every description executed to the entire satisfaction of the most critical.

Special Designs and Estimates Submitted for all Orders.

West Twenty-third Street

MAGISTRATE DIDN'T KNOW "THE" ALLEN

But Everybody Else in Court Did, and Pool Accepted Him as a Bondsman on Strength of "Fortified" House.

"The" Allen was in the Jefferson Market Court to-day to obtain the release of James J. Dowd, of No. 143 West Sixtieth street, held for examination in default of $500 bail on the charge of stealing $3.

When Allen offered himself as bondsman for Dowd Clerk Anthony asked Magistrate Pool if the surety was acceptable to the Court.

"Who is he?" inquired the Magistrate.

"Mr. Allen, of No. 80 Sixth avenue," replied the clerk.

"Allen! Allen! Where is he?"

"Here I am," answered the man.

"I don't know you. Is there anybody in court that does?"

This inquiry provoked a general laugh, and in answer Allen said, "Everybody here knows me. I've been in this district seventy-one years, and in this court many a time."

Magistrate Pool was informed of the identity of the would-be bondsman and he asked if he owned a house.

"Yes," answered Allen.

"Is it fortified?"

"Some people say so, but my friends have no trouble getting in to see me when they want to," replied Allen, with a smile.

"Then in your case I will waive the rule of the court which requires the production of the deeds of property and accept your bond," said the Magistrate.

"That's fair enough," remarked Allen, as he signed the bail bond and took Dowd out of court with him.

FEARED WHIPPING, SO GIRL RAN AWAY

Motherless Child of Nine Years Had Been Threatened with Punishment by the Woman Who Cared for Her.

Fearing punishment for misconduct Susie McDirr ran away from the home of Mrs. Crowe, No. 552 West Twenty-ninth street, leaving no trace. Susie is nine years old and has no mother.

As Susie's father is a workingman he left his child at the home of Mrs. Crowe, who has cared for her. Yesterday afternoon, returning home after being out most of the day, Mrs. Crowe found that in her absence Susie and her own daughter, who is about the same age, had been tearing up things generally in the house.

"Just as soon as I get supper ready I am going to punish both of you," said Mrs. Crowe to the children.

Susie did not wait, but left the house at once. She did not return. The police have given an alarm for the child.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat opened higher to-day, due to the steadiness of cables, but the advance met such free selling for long account that it quickly subsided, partly because of the easiness in corn. The weather was favorable all through the corn belt as an offset to the steadier cables.

New York opening prices were: May wheat, 83 3-4; December, 85. May corn, 50 7-8.

Chicago's opening prices were: May wheat, 79 1-8 to 79; December, 78 1-2 to 78 3-8. May corn, 45 1-4; December, 45 5-8 to 45 3-4.

New York's closing prices were: Wheat—May, 83 1-4; December, 84 5-8 offered. Corn—May, 50 3-8 offered; October, 51 7-8; December, 51 3-4 offered.

TO-MORROW'S

SUNDAY WORLD.

English Beauties Seeking Revenge on Title-Winning Yankee Heiresses?

A Threatened "Invasion" of America by British Maidens of Noble Station Who, Piqued at the Way Our Girls Have Captured English Titles, Will Set Their Caps for American Heirs. Who Some of These English Beauties Are.

The Actor and the Mayor Who Are Going to College. They Tell Why.

The Chief Executive of a Connecticut City and a Star Actor Explain Why They Are Seeking Higher Education in Colleges.

Who Was the Most Popular Summer Girl of 1903?

Miss Natalie Schenck, Who Has Been Voted the Queen of the Season at Newport.

A Messenger Boy for 32 Years, Who Did Not Become President of the Company.

The Strange Story of a New York "Boy" Who Has Carried Messages All His Life, Married and Raised a Fine Family. One of the Wonderful Happenings of a Great City.

How to Have a Beautiful Figure. Further "Yogi" Directions for Women.

Mrs. Harriet Hubbard Ayer's Home Page Even More Attractive and Instructive than Usual.

How the Automobile Has Revolutionized the "400's" Method of Entertaining.

Distance Now Being Next to Nothing, Owing to the Speed of the "Go-Cars," Social Geography Has Entirely Changed and One Hundred Miles to a Dinner Engagement Is Not Unusual.

Joseph Choate, the First American in Europe.

Something of Interest About Our Ambassador to Great Britain, with Some New Photographs of Him.

Will J. Pierpont Morgan Pay a Fortune for This Picture from Iowa?

The Romance of a Painting Owned by a Western Farmer, Who Is Bringing It to the Multi-Millionaire with the Firm Hope of Disposing of It.

The Bluebeards of Brooklyn.

Story of Most Remarkable Organization in America.

A Society for Disposing of Its Members' Skulls. Its Strange Secrets Now Unearthed for the First Time.

A Little Instrument That Is to Make War Bloodless.

The Latest Invention to Make a Battle Merely a Pastime.

All the Favorite Laugh-Makers in the Funny Side.