

THIRTY MEN TO FIGHT

The Great and Jim Corbett Agree to a Match.

FROM TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Not Anxious to Cross the Sea—California Athletic Club Gives Up Hopes of Dealing With Him.

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THIEVES RUN DOWN.

Three Chicago Ruffians Rob a Bank at Noon.

CHASED BY A PATROL WAGON.

Police Use Shotguns in the Street—The Desperados Hide in a Barn and Resist Capture.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—One of the most daring robberies ever known in Chicago was perpetrated today at the city's largest bank, undoubtedly the same who recently robbed the cashier of Allerton's packing-house. A few minutes past noon three men entered the Merchants' Exchange bank, on Commercial avenue, South Chicago. Cashier Wilder and Bookkeeper Willis were alone in the bank, and they only person left in the bank was Frank Lynn, assistant cashier.

Two of the men went to the windows in the bank, pointed a revolver at Lynn and ordered him to open the door at the rear and let a third man in. Lynn did this when the robber knocked him down and kicked him in the stomach. The young man was completely helpless. Then the robbers vaulted, took from the safe three \$500 packages of bills, some change and a box containing deeds and mortgages. Then he picked up Lynn, threw him into a vault and locked the door on him. The burglars then went to the rear, and, taking a heavy iron safe, they took it to the bank and hid it in the back of the bank and on getting inside was surprised to find the vault locked and no one present. He hurriedly opened the vault, when young Lynn fell out, blood and groaning. The bank had been robbed, and the police were notified.

A patrol wagon was called out in a minute and started in hot pursuit of the robbers, whom they could see a mile ahead. The lads were plying mercilessly with their shotguns, and the robbers were ordered to give out. The lieutenant ordered the officers to use shotguns as soon as they could get within range, while he jumped out to order another wagon.

At the corner of South Chicago and Cottage Grove avenues the robbers deserted the wagon, getting into the street and the wagon of Charles Mullin, evidently the idea that they would thus elude the vigilance of the police, but the pursuers were too close, and a volley from the shotguns soon caused them to desert the wagon. When it was caught up with, Mullin was placed under arrest, although protesting that he knew nothing about the matter, while officers continued the chase of the others. One of them, John Corbett, soon surrendered, and after a long hunt the others were found in a barn. They opened their eyes on being discovered, and Patrick O'Brien, a watchman with the police, was in the high. The sight of the shotguns and the broken heart, however, and they soon gave up, surrendering all the spoils. They gave their names as Frank Bennett and Henry Featherstone. The latter is known to the police by several other names.

A Secretary Steals \$45,000.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 29.—J. Eldridge Pierce, secretary of the City Building and Loan Association, is missing, and is said to be a defaulter to the extent of \$45,000.

FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Chief Kellogg Sends a Message to the Board—Fireboat's Crew.

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The Famous Frank La Belle Captured at Olympia.

IMPORTED OPIUM BY THE TON.

His Exploits in Michigan—Recent Operations in Coolies and Gum on Puget Sound.

Deputy Inspector Colbent, of this city, yesterday arrested in Olympia the noted opium smuggler, Frank La Belle, for whom government officials have been searching for a year past. He has been in Olympia for the past six months, driving a laundry wagon, giving his name as Boulanger. While talking to the city marshal there yesterday the inspector happened to refer to La Belle, and the latter immediately and arrested him while on the wagon. La Belle did not show the least excitement, and willingly went with the officers. He was shackled and taken to Tacoma.

The smuggler is the leader of a gang and one of the boldest in the business. He has always smuggled by the wholesale, and La Belle and Captain Harry Durant, of the schooner Emma, kept a small grocery store on the bank of the St. Clair river, three miles below Port Huron, Mich., and used the cellar to store their opium. They would ship large quantities of opium from Detroit to Sarnia, Ont., over the Canadian Pacific railroad, and Captain Durant would get it across the river.

Thousands of pounds were smuggled across before the custom officials swooped down on the innocent looking store and captured the large quantity of opium. The drug put up in five-ton cases. La Belle was taken charge of by United States Deputy Marshal McHale, of Chicago, and as they were on the train bound for Detroit La Belle leaped from the cars at Smith's Creek, made his way through four miles of woods, crossed the river into Canada, and the police were unable to capture him, but his schooner was seized and sold by the officers. There were probably ten in the gang, but La Belle seemed to be the leader.

The government then instituted a special search and finally located La Belle in British Columbia, on one occasion with a quantity of opium, and the officials overtook him. As they boarded one side of the boat La Belle jumped into the bay and that was the last seen of him. While at Victoria he lived in the best style and at the best hotels.

A month or so ago he was away from Olympia for about one week, and it is supposed he then assisted in landing 400 pounds of opium near Oyster Bay, four miles from Olympia. Recently he purchased the White Wings, the largest schooner he could find, with which to carry on his business.

His room was searched, but nothing was found to indicate his operations. There was a large model of a boat, beautifully constructed to attain high speed. He is supposed to have supplied the Chinese population at Olympia, and to have planned the numerous smuggling operations on the Sound.

Deputy Inspector Colbent had La Belle locked up in the county jail at Tacoma, and he will be arraigned before the United States commissioner today.

THE CHINESE PHEASANTS.

Habits of the Birds in the Willamette Valley.

Wheatland, Or., letter in Forest and Stream.

Last winter the snow was at one time six inches deep and the weather pretty cold, about 6 degrees above for a few nights, and in looking about to see how the pheasants were getting on, I found where they had been hunting weed seed and scratching down to the ground under the bushes and other places in their search for food. They roosted on the ground like prairie chickens. Why they do this I know not, but I have seen them on the ground or in trees, as their fancy suits. The snow lay on the ground for more than three weeks, yet I do not think the birds suffered much. They will come into the feed yards and eat any grain that they may find there. From what I saw of them last winter, I think that they would stand the winters in the states east of the Rocky mountains all right. The winters would be longer and colder, but there is a great deal more feed for such birds there than there is here, such as corn, wild sunflowers, etc., and in the spring they would be in a better condition than they are now. They are polygamous. I have seen as many as five females with one male, and they are very tame. I have seen a male lay from 13 to 18 eggs about the size of those of the prairie chicken and of the same shape, but of a light brown color. They are very tame, and I have seen one nest of eight eggs the hen had not begun sitting. They will not come back to a nest when it is removed to the plowed ground.

The eighteen eggs from the first nest found were placed under a domestic hen, and in twenty-five days eleven of them hatched. The nest was in a very desirable situation, which may have had something to do with the time of hatching and strength of the birds. We put the hen in a wire cage, and she would not get up from the nest for a couple of days until the birds learned her language, then we let them out. But the hen was of the idiotic kind, and would not get up from the nest until the grass and weeds in the hill morning dew and they would get wet and get lost, and get lost. Three of them were large enough to fly a little when they were hatched. The remaining one got to be nearly as large as a quail when one morning it was found in the yard almost dead, and was taken to the house and cared for, but it died.

Of six others that were hatched by a domestic hen on a farm near here, two grew to be large enough to take care of themselves when they went out with their wild brothers.

It has been stated that they raise two and three broods a season, but I must see some evidence than I have seen this season before I can believe that. I think that there was not a hen in this neighborhood that reared more than one brood last season.

They increase in this state, though much faster than the Bob White quail, which were introduced here more than fifteen years ago, and I have not seen one of them here yet, though I have heard some calling.

Kate Chase's Daughter.

Chicago Herald.

Miss Ethel Sprague, who was here with the Richard Mansfield company, is a beautiful girl. She has commenced at the foot of the ladder in her chosen profession, and determined to work up to a position that will be hers unquestionably. She has aspired repeatedly to be the bonanza of aspirer managers in their efforts to have her join the list of "society" actresses. She says she is not trying to "elevate the stage." She has commenced the work because she loves it as an art and because she is determined to do it. She realizes that the firm foundation must be built up through hard work. She had two years ago, and she says is so severe that the most critical manager seems tame in comparison. Miss Sprague has the

Still on the Tax Law.

Last evening the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which has been busy revising the tax law, held another session. On Friday there will be a meeting with the members of the King county legislative delegation.

Kitsap Murder Trial.

John C. Williams, held in the county jail for killing a Freeman in Kitsap county, March 23 last, by striking him with a hammer, will be arraigned before Judge Ford today in a few days to stand trial.

The Union Pacific is the only transcontinental line running free reclining chairs and Pullman sleeping cars from the Pacific coast to the East. E. B. Baldwin, agent, 700 Second street, C. E. Baldwin, agent, city dock.

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CHASED BY A PATROL WAGON.

Police Use Shotguns in the Street—The Desperados Hide in a Barn and Resist Capture.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—One of the most daring robberies ever known in Chicago was perpetrated today at the city's largest bank, undoubtedly the same who recently robbed the cashier of Allerton's packing-house. A few minutes past noon three men entered the Merchants' Exchange bank, on Commercial avenue, South Chicago. Cashier Wilder and Bookkeeper Willis were alone in the bank, and they only person left in the bank was Frank Lynn, assistant cashier.

Two of the men went to the windows in the bank, pointed a revolver at Lynn and ordered him to open the door at the rear and let a third man in. Lynn did this when the robber knocked him down and kicked him in the stomach. The young man was completely helpless. Then the robbers vaulted, took from the safe three \$500 packages of bills, some change and a box containing deeds and mortgages. Then he picked up Lynn, threw him into a vault and locked the door on him. The burglars then went to the rear, and, taking a heavy iron safe, they took it to the bank and hid it in the back of the bank and on getting inside was surprised to find the vault locked and no one present. He hurriedly opened the vault, when young Lynn fell out, blood and groaning. The bank had been robbed, and the police were notified.

A patrol wagon was called