

MODERN BRIGANDS.

Business Methods and Reckless Daring of Train Robbers.

THE OLD WAY AND THE NEW WAY.

How an Express Clerk Turned the Tables on Two Robbers—The Potency of a Drop—The Bill Before Congress to Stop the "Industry." Tracking a Gang—One Lively Incident.

Washington Star.

Experienced trainman, officers of the law and express officials are unanimous in the belief that the introduction of a bill in Congress for the punishment of train robbers has brought that daring mode of acquiring wealth to an abrupt end. The class of men that commit the crime of robbing passengers and express cars are unquestionably poorly informed as to legislation, and reading or hearing of a bill being presented in Congress for their punishment believe that bill has become a law-stanter. While these men are willing to take chances with private corporations, the federal government has a way of running to earth those who commit crime cognizable by its courts that will, no doubt, lessen the number of these deprecations to a nominal degree.

The bunch of train robberies committed during the month of August is a bad record for any country, and almost a disgrace to one like ours. The worst of it is that the ease and safety with which trains can be held up and the enormous booty to be obtained in this way is certain to stimulate this form of crime and insure its frequent repetition unless a substantial check can be put upon it in some way. The Lake Shore robbery in Indiana netted the thieves \$20,000, while the Mineral Range robbery in Michigan gave them \$75,000. That the booty was recovered in the latter case is exceptional. The robbers usually disappear with their spoil as completely as if the earth had swallowed them up. It is only in exceptional cases that one is injured, and usually the supineness and meekness of the train hands insure the safety of these modern Claude Duvals. The passengers are often not molested at all, and even when they are required to hold up their hands, it is a mere incident to the robbery of the express car.

LAW AND ITS ENFORCEMENT.

The epidemic of train robberies in the latter part of August caught Congress in session, and the evil became so patent that a bill was introduced to meet the outrage by making the robbery of trains a federal offense. But a mere law against highway robbery is of little avail without men to enforce it. The country should be policed as well as the towns, and the lines of railway travel most of all. But, until this civilizing peace force is organized and put to work, it is not asking too much of the express companies to require them to give better protection to the treasure which now attracts the evil-minded and is the objective point of nearly all our train robberies. The scarcity of "hold-ups" within the last month lead one to the belief that the express companies have also reached this conclusion.

When the first Pacific railroad was completed armed troops were carried on every train until it became certain that Indians would not molest this latest invader of their ancient domain. The express companies, which endeavor the safety of a passenger train by shipping treasure which is insufficiently guarded, invite train robberies. They should be compelled to guard the treasure by men who not only carry arms, but know how and are willing to use them effectively when necessary. One or two messengers, even if armed and disposed to fight, are no match for such a large band of robbers as that which held up the Lake Shore train a short time since in Indiana. For the better safety of passengers the express cars which carry treasure ought not to be a part of a passenger train. The lives of passengers are put to a needless hazard by the combination of passenger coaches and treasure-bearing express cars insufficiently protected and inviting attack and robbery at every stage of their journey.

TRACKING A GANG.

The railroad and express companies have a regularly organized force of officers and during the August rush of business by the robbers in the west the greater portion of this force in the east was hurried toward the setting sun as fast as possible. Within the last month the train robbery business has taken a slump and these officers have been returning to their regular assignments in twos and threes. Meeting an old acquaintance of this force who was lounging about the Sixth street depot a reporter of the Evening Star asked him for particulars of his trip and also his ideas on the epidemic of train robberies that recently swept over the west. He said: "You know that I served as a special officer for several years in the west, and went through many tough experiences. That was about ten years ago, when the James gang was astonishing the western people, who are accustomed to remarkable occurrences, by their daring raids on passenger trains and overland mail and express coaches. From this experience it may be gathered that I know what I am talking about."

"When the first 'hold up' occurred recently in the vicinity of Kansas City I received this dispatch from the chief officer of the western division, located in Chicago:

"Come on at once, and pick up all our men in sight on your way out. Big hold up in Kansas, and I believe the gang will work east."

"The chief was right in his surmise, as later developments demonstrated. Five minutes after receiving that dispatch I was on a train bound for Chicago, and on the way out collected twelve of our men. Before we could form any plans as to locating that particular group of train robbers the big hold-up occurred down in Texas. That robbery demonstrated that a master mind was engineering the raids on the express companies' treasure box, as it threw the chief and all of us completely off our reckoning. Of course we immediately started for the scene of the latest robbery, and, as we thought, found plenty of indications to show that the gang was still in that country. We scattered in twos and fours and worked for a week without discovering anything of a substantial nature. The leader of the gang performed his work very similar to an expert chess player, for while we were hunting him and his gang down in Texas he was going east, substantiating my chief's first idea, and at that hour was no doubt laying his plans for the big robbery in Indiana. Three days later upon reporting at the telegraph office in Waco I received the following telegram: "My first judgment correct. Come

at once. Gang in Indiana, and have made a big haul."

LATER DAY HIGHWAYMEN.

"Two days later I reached that scene and found my chief in charge of affairs. He was in a pulling-the-hair state of mind to think that the robbers had outwitted him and that he had not stood by his first decision of mind. He is also an old timer, and been in many tight places, and he told me that for a reckless display of nerve the James gang were not in the same class with this latter day class of highwaymen. I called it cunningness because they got away with their spoil. No matter how hard we worked and how many clues we run down, the robbers were at Chicago ahead of us, and your judgment will tell you how safe they were there with the thousands of 'crooks' to keep them company. My chief is looking for them yet, but my private opinion is that they have returned to their western haunts, and will be heard from again in similar scenes and are only awaiting the proper time."

"It was while we were working on the Indiana robbery that the Michigan-Iron Mountain hold up occurred. At first we thought it was the same gang, but one day work on the case told us that we had a crowd of bucclers to deal with this time and a few days later our surprise proved correct, as we arrested the man that had the money and for his release secured possession of the stolen treasure and the arrest of his companions. The work of the train robbers in Indiana no doubt put the idea in the Michigan men's minds that they were good highwaymen too, but they lacked a good leader and were minus the dash of the western men. The smaller 'hold ups' I believe were committed by single members of the first band simply for the excitement connected with it and to keep their hands in. They have lots of money, as a result of their successful raids, and it will take them some time to spend it, but mark my words they will be at their old tricks again before Christmas day passes over our heads."

"What is your idea about resistance being offered the robbers by the messengers and trainmen?" inquired the reporter. "Do they take the right course in dealing with these desperadoes?"

IN A CASE OF HOLD-UP.

"Yes and no. When it comes to a case of manhood they are right, but considered from a common sense point of view they are wrong. What is the use of resisting when a man has the drop on you? All nonsense, I say. Now, in that robbery down near Waco, Texas, the messenger resisted. What did he get? Why, a system full of lead. He didn't save the treasure. He didn't do himself any service, and the good opinion of the company is nothing to a dead man. I say it is all right to give up when a gun is at your head. There's nothing else to do. Shoot your highwayman as he runs, if you can, but look out for your hide. You will never get another. When robbers are so desperate as to make an attack on a train loaded with passengers of all descriptions, they are desperate enough to do anything. I was in a 'hold up' some fifteen years ago on the Rock Island road, that was before I became a special officer, and I don't want to be in another. The James boys engineered that raid, and I want to say that the barrel of the six-shooter that I gazed into looked bigger than a joint of stovetop. Some of us had been boasting the night before what we would do in just such an emergency, but we didn't do it. We attempted to crawl under seats and through windows, and many forgot to hide their watches and money. Oh, it was easy enough for the people in the east here to brag, but the man who refuses to acknowledge the potency of the drop the other fellow has on him is a bigger fool than I am."

"Circumstances alter cases, of course. Take the case of my friend Jack Brewster. He was clerking at night for the Wells-Fargo Company out in Silver City, Colo., in the early days of that city. The office was situated on the first floor of the biggest hotel in town and was one of considerable importance, as it was the center of a large mining district. The miners brought a good deal of gold in from the mountains and it was their practice to deposit it with the express company over night for the town was crowded with a rough element and robberies and even murders were of frequent occurrence. The express company had a large safe in the office and this frequently held as high as \$25,000. As deposits were made every ten or fifteen minutes during the time prior to midnight it was easy for the robbers to know that the express company kept this money on hand and to guard against this attack Jack always went armed and was a bad man to tackle as he is a sure shot and full of grit. The little office which enclosed the safe and desk was separated from the general office by a high railing and the small gate between the two was secured by a spring lock, difficult to open unless one understood it."

ONE LIVELY INCIDENT.

"One dark and rainy night Jack was sitting alone in the office some time between 1 and 2 o'clock, when a couple of Mexicans entered the room and came up to the desk. They said they would like Jack to take care of their money and they proceeded to count out nearly a thousand dollars in gold coin. As Jack turned to open the safe before counting the money after the Mexicans, and just as he was about to swing back the iron door he heard a sharp, whizzing sound and something struck him a tremendous blow in the back. He instantly raised up and whirled about to face the Mexicans, and as he did so a large knife fell from his back to the floor. He thought for a second he had been fatally wounded, and, determining to revenge himself upon his assassins, he quickly drew his trusty revolver and fired at the men, who had been unable to open the gate and were still outside the railing. "Jack's first shot broke the arm of one of the robbers and he gave a cry of pain. The other Mexican attempted to grasp some of the gold, but Jack fired again so quickly that he turned and fled. A third shot hit this Mexican in the side just as he reached the door."

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both of them managed to escape and ran off up the street. Their yells and Jack's shots brought twenty guests down stairs in all states of undress, but each man had a gun, pistol or bowie knife, and the rascals were quickly pursued by most of the miners. Owing to the darkness and the start they had both got away, but they left their gold coin behind them. This was given to Jack by the express company for defending their property and thus he made a handsome little stake in a single night, for the Mexicans never put in an appearance to claim the gold. "Jack told me his escape from death was owing to a fortunate incident. He had been getting round shouldered and his friends had poked so much fun at him about it that he got a blacksmith to make him some steel shoulder braces, which were covered with buckskin. These steel braces were made strong enough to have fitted Samson, but their being so heavy saved Jack's life for the point of the knife when thrown by the Mexican had struck one of these and thus failed to penetrate his body as it would otherwise have done. Throwing a knife was a favorite pastime with Mexicans and some became so expert that they could hit a silver dollar at a distance of ten or twelve feet. They no doubt thought the knife would so suddenly end Jack's life that he would make no outcry to alarm the people in the rooms upstairs, and, as he had unlocked the safe, they could rob it at their leisure. It was a close call for Jack, but he came out unharmed."

EXPLOSION AT RIO.

Two British Officers and Two of Their Men Killed—The Government to Blame.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 6.—Secretary Herbert has received a dispatch from Captain Picking, of the cruiser Charleston, now at Rio De Janeiro, which confirms the press dispatches of an explosion of a powder magazine, in which several men were killed and injured. The dispatch was in cipher and read as follows: Rio De Janeiro, November 4. There was an explosion of a large quantity of powder belonging to the insurgents on Governor's Island last evening. Two British naval officers, a boatswain and one man was killed. A fireman was wounded. They were getting sand near the magazine in which the powder was stored. Admiral Mello claims that the Brazilian government is to blame for the disaster."

A Triple Murder.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Nov. 6.—News has just reached here of what will probably become a triple murder in the country northeast of here. A negro named Clark, his wife and a daughter were found in their cabin, their throats cut and their skulls fractured by blows from an axe. They had been assaulted and robbed of some \$200 by a negro who had lived with them, John Milligan. Mrs. Clark was dead. The others can scarcely survive."

Big Four Strike Ends.

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 6.—The Big Four strike is off. A conference was held between the Big Four officials and a committee of strikers from Mt. Carmel and Cairo, which lasted several hours, and the matter was compromised. The yardmaster was restored to his place, but accepted the reduction of \$10 a month. The engineers were restored and will be given a raise, but not to the amount of their former salary."

Death at a Fire.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 6.—A dispatch from Kazan, capital of the government of the same name in the eastern part of European Russia, states that a disastrous conflagration occurred yesterday. An oil store exploded in one of the main thoroughfares, and the flames quickly spreading eight large warehouses were destroyed. In addition to this there was great loss of life, many being known to have perished in the burning buildings."

The Great Trotting Race.

CHICAGO, Nov. 6.—A dispatch to the Inter Ocean from Boston says that the trotting match race between Directum and Alix has been definitely arranged for November 15. It will be the best three heats in live, over the Mystic Park track, the owners of Directum to put up \$5,000 against \$4,000 on Alix."

Pool Tournament.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Nov. 6.—Arrangements have been made for a national pool tournament in this city next February. It will last eleven days, and the players will include DeOro, Clearwater, Powers, Sherman and Malone. The conditions and prizes will be liberal."

Typhoid Epidemic.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Nov. 6.—About 100 cases of typhoid fever have been reported from the southeastern section of the city during the past two months. The deaths have been few. The cause of the disease has been assigned to bad sewers."

Vesuvius Getting Gay.

NAPLES, Nov. 6.—Streams of lava poured out of Mount Vesuvius to-day and the eruption attracted crowds of sightseers to the mountain."

Suspected Robber.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Nov. 6.—Late last night Tom Johns, an ex-conductor, was arrested, suspected of having been implicated in the Oliphant train robbery."

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RIOTS IN MARSEILLES.

Street Car Strikers Destroy Property. Serious State of Affairs.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 6.—The strike of the employes of the horse car lines in this city has assumed a threatening aspect to-day. The police seem utterly unable to cope with the mob and it is probable that the soldiers will have to be called upon to suppress rioting. The horse car yards and stables of the different companies are already guarded by troops and there is a prospect of a collision between the military and the rioters before the day passes. This morning a mob of over 5,000 rioters assembled on the canobbriere, the widest and most frequented thoroughfare in this city, and overturned fifteen horse cars which the companies attempted to run. In addition the rioters saturated one of the cars with petroleum and set fire to it amid the cheers and yells of the thousands of rioters crowding around the overturned car. The men on strike demand more wages and fewer working hours and in order to enforce their demands commenced rioting yesterday and burned several cars which they had previously saturated with petroleum. The rioters also tore up the horse car tracks in a number of places, cheered on in their work of destruction by thousands of people who seemed to be in sympathy with the strikers. The rioting was renewed last night when a number of additional cars were burned and all traffic on the street railroads was stopped. The mayor is doing his utmost to bring about an amicable settlement of the dispute between the strikers and their employers, but all efforts tending towards pacification have been fruitless up to the present time. The employes of the car lines refuse to go to work unless the lines are guarded by troops. The strikers this afternoon tore up more of the horse car tracks. In several places placards were posted by the strikers saying that they depend upon the support of the general public in order to enable them to triumph over the companies."

Riotous Strikers.

REIMS, Nov. 6.—A strike on the tramway is now in progress. The men demand more wages and fewer working hours. Several cars were burned yesterday and the rioters tore up a number of rails. "Nothing succeeds like success," and nothing will more quickly insure success than true merit. For fifty years, Ayer's Sarsaparilla has maintained its popularity as the superior blood-purifier. It stands upon its own merits and never fails to give satisfaction."

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