

Highwaymen Use Red Signal Light to Halt Automobile Party.

AN automobile concealed in the shadows of the roadside, the flash of a red signal light and three masked highwaymen jointly contributed to the holdup of an automobile party Monday night on the San Leandro road.



THREE AUTOMOBILISTS, WHO, ON THE SAN LEANDRO ROAD, WERE STOPPED BY THE FLASH OF HIGHWAYMEN'S SIGNAL LIGHT AND WERE THEN ROBBED OF THEIR MONEY AND JEWELRY.

Miss Maud Tyree, the Actress, With Those Who Were Robbed on the San Leandro Road.

OAKLAND, Oct. 10.—It is now known that the automobile party that Monday night was held up on the San Leandro road near Elmhurst, by a highwayman who swung a red light, was composed of Miss Maud Tyree, a pretty actress, who, since the San Francisco fire has resided at 417 Eighteenth street; Miss Adele Ross, a chum of Miss Tyree, who is visiting at the home of the latter; James F. Billett, a well-known New York theatrical man, and W. F. Barker of San Francisco. With a swing of the danger signal the machine was halted by three masked men, who covered the two men and the chauffeur with their revolvers and then robbed the members of the party of more than \$200 in money and jewelry. The holdup men were thoroughly prepared for the work they had undertaken, being provided with a powerful dark lantern, the light of which was cast into the eyes of their victims as soon as the auto came to a stop. The glare was blinding and it placed the highwaymen in the deep shadow behind it. They stood at the side of the machine, ordering the men in the party to keep their hands up, two of the highwaymen keeping them covered with their revolvers, while the third stepped close to the auto and roughly ordered the members of the party to hand over their valuables. Miss Tyree was robbed of two diamond rings, a ruby ring and a gold necklace; Miss Ross lost a purse containing a considerable sum of money; Billett contributed nearly \$200 and a valuable ring to the robbers, and Barker also lost all the money he had with him, fortunately not a large sum. The chauffeur was also robbed of all the money he had. Billett would also have lost a valuable gold watch had it not been for the haste of the man who was collecting the valuables of the party. The highwayman attempted to jerk the timepiece from the chain, which broke, but the watch was pulled out of the hand of the robber. It was found at the scene of the holdup by Billett yesterday morning. After securing all the money and valuables of the motorists, the robbers ordered the chauffeur to proceed on his way and cautioned the members of the party not to look back on penalty of having a fusillade of bullets sent after them. The command of the highwaymen was obeyed, but after the auto was well away from the scene of the holdup a stop was made at a roadside and the authorities were notified. Search was made for the holdup men, but no trace of them was found and it is believed that they escaped in an automobile which was concealed near the place where the holdup occurred. As the highwaymen were masked, the members of the auto party could give no description of them and they have little hope of recovering their valuables. So badly frightened were the two young women that on reaching their homes they became hysterical and both are now under the care of a physician.

WAMPOLE WAS AN EMBEZZLER. FIRE IN GODFIELD HELD IN CHECK.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 10.—According to a statement which the Public Ledger will publish tomorrow morning on the authority of a member of the Wampole Company, Henry K. Wampole, the drug manufacturer, whose body was found recently in the East River, New York, died an embezzler of a large sum of money. It is asserted by the Public Ledger that Wampole robbed his business partners systematically. The amount secured by him is estimated at \$500,000 and may be found to be much more. Wampole, it is said, left paper representing several hundred thousands of dollars in about sixty banks of this city and State and also in New Jersey. Not until a few days before his death did his partners have any idea of his defalcations. The story has been carefully guarded.

FULL DEPTH OF SORROW IS THAT OF DEL GRILLO. ROME, Oct. 10.—There was a touching scene in the death chamber of Adelaide Ristori this morning when her son, the Marquis Giorgio Capriano del Grillo, arrived from Paris, where he had been on duty as a gentleman-in-waiting to Dowager Queen Margherita. He burst into tears as he entered the apartment, embraced the body of his mother and had to be removed by force. The room, which has been transformed into a mortuary chapel, was filled with floral offerings and was visited by thousands of persons.

DECLARE ACCUSED WERE KIDNAPED.

Counsel for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone Argue Before the Supreme Court ASKING FOR LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—The Supreme Court of the United States heard argument today in the cases of Charles E. Moyer, W. J. Haywood and George E. Pettibone, officers and members of the Western Federation of Miners, who are in prison in Idaho under a charge of murdering former Governor Steunenberg of that State. The case comes to this court on appeal from the decision of the Idaho Federal Court refusing to grant writs of habeas corpus. The case of the prisoners was presented by E. F. Richardson of Denver and G. S. Darrow of Chicago and for the State of Idaho by W. H. Hawley of Boise. The particular point in controversy was the method by which the Idaho authorities secured jurisdiction over the men. All of them are residents of Colorado and it was argued on behalf of Moyer and Pettibone that they were kidnaped in pursuance of a conspiracy to which the Governor of Colorado and the Idaho authorities were parties, and hence the jurisdiction acquired by the Idaho court was denounced as "a flagrant malfeasance of executive duty from the contemplation of which right thinking people turn with loathing."

MAKES CHARGE OF LAND GRABBING.

Continued from Page 1, Column 5. into the hands of Senator Fair. Under the terms of the lease the title to the property was to have reverted to the city at the end of the term. But, according to Engle, it passed through several hands, under the control of different Legislatures, and finally came under the ownership of the North San Francisco Homestead and Railroad Association, which was absorbed by Senator Fair. The octogenarian champion claims that through the acts of Legislatures the title was finally vested in the association, but that was done, he claims, illegally and after the State had given the property to the city, which should have come into possession in 1874. By other sources it was reported to the City Attorney that Mrs. Oelrichs, through her attorneys, was thought to be claiming property in the vicinity of Lobos Square, but the reliability of the information cannot be verified until further investigation has been made.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAS CLAIM.

The alleged encroachment of the Fair estate on city property under the guise of suits to establish title as provided by the McEnerney act is but one, however, of several instances which have been called to the attention of the City Attorney's office within the last few weeks. A short time ago the office was informed that the Southern Pacific Company had claimed title to a city property along Front street in a suit brought to establish its title to land. This matter has been partly investigated, and it has been learned that there is some doubt as to whether the property in question is city property. A portion of an alley was ever officially platted and accepted as such and whether the city will be able to prove a clear title in spite of the fact that the alley has been used for a long period without any question having arisen. Other cases of a similar nature regarding suits brought by companies and individuals in different parts of the city have been reported to the office by different people having a knowledge of the conditions in a particular neighborhood where the alleged grabs have been attempted.

DE YOUNG MATTER PENDING.

Still another infringement of the same nature, of which City Attorney Burke has taken cognizance, is contained in the suit filed by M. H. De Young on July 31 to secure title to property in various parts of the city, including a portion of Myrtle avenue, a street 35 feet wide belonging to the city, which lies east of Polk street and between Geary and O'Farrell streets. The particular parcel of land adjoining this street is described in Mr. De Young's suit as having a frontage of 275 feet on O'Farrell street and a depth of 137.6 feet. As it is but 120 feet from the north line of O'Farrell street to the south line of Myrtle avenue, the description included in the latter thoroughfare. Attention was called to this discrepancy in an answer filed on September 13 by H. G. Platt and Edgar J. de Pue, but in spite of Mr. de Young's statement that the discrepancy was a clerical error the description contained in his suit has not been amended.

WERE CHANCE DISCOVERIES.

In the face of these several suits, all of which have come to light through chance, and the fact that suits under the McEnerney act are being filed by the hundreds and are expected to multiply to the number of 30,000 or more, the City Attorney's office is unable to handle the situation without assistance. With the records of the office and most of the maps destroyed by fire it is necessary to search in every case to prevent possible fraud being practiced on the city. An appeal will be made today to the Board of Supervisors for the services of a deputy in the office of the City Engineer who shall give his whole attention to the matter of examining these descriptions and ascertaining in each case whether any city property is encroached upon.

BAGGETT TELLS OF PLANS.

"We are much worried over the conditions at present and the lack of protection for the city's rights," said Deputy City Attorney William T. Baggett yesterday. "We will ask the Board of Supervisors to direct the City Engineer to give us his assistance in the matter to see if something cannot be done. Our plan is to furnish the City Engineer's office each day with a complete list of all title suits filed, have them compared with the maps and an official report made to us in case of any discrepancy. We can then appeal in court and file an answer to every such suit, and can ask the courts to allow no such suits to go through without a thorough investigation."

WITH the slogan, "This lawlessness must be stopped; the city must be cleansed," the Potrero Commercial and Manufacturers' Association considered plans yesterday for driving criminals from San Francisco and prosecuting Abe Ruef.

Daily Crimes and Ruef's Methods Arouse Business Community.

Movement Launched to Suppress Lawlessness and Rid San Francisco of Its Boss.

Lawlessness, Abe Ruef and the Southern Pacific made up the three-fold theme that held the attention of an assemblage of prominent representatives of San Francisco's commercial life who gathered yesterday afternoon in the offices of the California Canneries Company, at Eighteenth and Minnesota streets. "This lawlessness must be stopped; the city must be cleansed," was the sentiment repeated again and again by the speakers who addressed the gathering, which was not divided. The members of the gathering were in complete accord and pledged their time and money to the work of driving the vicious element from San Francisco and restoring the city to its own.

Running through the deliberations of yesterday's session was a current of determination not to be mistaken. Upon the faces of the speakers shone a light more than their words bespoke. In the gathering were men who represent some of the largest interests in San Francisco—J. A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron Works; Isadore Jacobs, president of the California Canneries Company; W. A. Doble of the A. B. Ober Company; Frank D. Marvin of the Taylor-Spottswood Company; J. W. Barrett of the Wright Wire Company; A. Buell of the Buell Construction Company; E. H. Postlethwaite of the Risdon Iron Works, and others identified with the commercial life of the city. In the group were men who had fought and won many a civic battle.

SOCIETIES TO CO-OPERATE.

They do not intend to fight alone. They have carefully considered the situation and have launched a great movement to put an end to the ills that beset the city. Resolutions calling for the suppression of crime will be presented at a mass meeting in Union Square on Saturday afternoon for publication. It is the intention of the legal association to take the initiative which shall direct the movement. The methods of the vigilance committee will not be followed, but it is stated that measures equally effective will be adopted.

The business community has been stirred to action by the same conditions that gave birth to the vigilance committee. Aroused by the long series of vicious crimes, the inaction of the Police Department, and the blight upon the city, the Potrero Commercial and Manufacturers' Association has taken the initiative in the city. The association has called upon all the commercial bodies, the labor unions, the church societies, the civic federations, and even the women's clubs, for cooperation. The response has been prepared and the details are being prepared for the movement will be publicly launched on Saturday.

ABE RUEF DENOUNCED.

Two elements have aroused sentiment among the business community to high pitch—the tide of crime that is sweeping over San Francisco, and the spur track ordinance, by which, it is said, Abe Ruef and the Southern Pacific sought to control the city's industries. The two factors have served as the flint and steel to strike the fire of popular indignation. The smoldering sentiment was fanned into flame at yesterday's meeting. "The city suffers not only from lawlessness," said the speaker, "but it suffers from Abe Ruef and the Southern Pacific. This is not a political issue, but Abe Ruef is pulling San Francisco into a fathomless abyss. He has his fingers locked on the city's throat and unless his grip is broken he will strangle it."

That the action to be taken against Ruef will not consist of denunciation only was reiterated by the speaker. "I drew only when the careers of Ruef and Boss Tweed of New York, stating that Tweed was sent to prison and that San Francisco would soon hear news that would startle it like a bombshell."

JEOPARDIZE CIVIL SERVICE.

Ruef and Acting Mayor Gallagher Would "Rescue" Police Force From System. With Abe Ruef at his elbow and ear, Acting Mayor Gallagher launched a dangerous plot yesterday morning against civil service regulations of the charter. Ruef and Gallagher have their destructive designs limited now to the regulations as they affect the Police Department, but since practically all municipal departments are jointly affected by the merit system of appointment an attack on one section of the charter provisions may be directly construed to be an attack on the entire system of civil service, which is one of the most distinctive features of the organic law of the municipality. Civil service as applied to the selection of the suppressors of crime is all

SPUR TRACK JOKER.

Ever since the joker was injected into the spur track ordinance the merchants have been hot on Ruef's trail. It is claimed that the spur track deal was so brazen that it can be blind to its significance. The ordinance, as originally drawn, provided that all spur tracks should serve as common carriers; that is, that railroads could obtain franchises for spur tracks on the city's streets only on the condition that the tracks be open for use by all lines. This suited the merchants and provided for competition. The ordinance came before the Supervisors and a delegation of business men went on hand to urge its passage. The Supervisors received word from Jere Burke, the political agent of the Southern Pacific Company, however, that he desired to appear before the board in opposition to the ordinance and that he therefore requested a postponement. The matter was put off a week. At the end of that time the merchants again urged that the ordinance be passed, but the Supervisors again postponed action a week to hear from Burke. When Burke did not appear at the end of that period the Supervisors, in an "ultimatum," gave him seven days more in which to state

EXHUME REMAINS OF TERRORISTS.

Sympathizers Seek to Give Executed Russians Decent Burial, but Are Prevented SOLDIERS BEAT CROWD

LODZ, Russian Poland, Oct. 10.—Five terrorists, sentenced to death by drumhead court-martial, were hanged this morning. The employees of the street railroads, the school teachers and the newspaper employes have joined the men in the factories, who went on strike yesterday as a protest against trials by drumhead court-martial. An immense crowd exhumed the bodies of the terrorists this afternoon collected offerings for coffins and forced a priest to give a solemn blessing. While this was going on a squadron of Cossacks suddenly appeared and charged the crowd, beating the people with whips and swords. Many persons were injured and thirty were arrested. The Cossacks compelled the prisoners to rebury the bodies of the terrorists.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Oct. 10.—John Gadowski, editor of the Gazeta Polska, who was shot by bandits yesterday evening, died this morning.

wrong, according to the acting Mayor, and he is confessedly ambitious to find some method by which the department can be "rescued" from what he terms the evils of the merit system.

"Civil service is satisfactory neither in the selection of policemen nor in the discipline of the department," said Gallagher yesterday. "Under the charter the men are given places in the department on the basis of competitive examination in arithmetic and geography, and the Police Commissioners can exercise no discretion in the matter of the fitness of any applicant. It is possible that criminals may join the ranks under the looseness of the civil service arrangement," continued the acting Mayor, "and once in the department they could act surreptitiously in conjunction with thugs."

After a man is once on the force he cannot be removed without trial by the Commissioners on a specific charge brought against him. If a Commissioner or the Chief of Police should see a patrolman on the street with a far away expression in his dreamy eyes and find he is satisfied in his mind that such a man was not fit to wear a star he could not have the man dismissed from the department without going through the elaborate machinery of a trial, and in many cases it would be impossible to remove a man in a case of that kind because no charge could be worded to cover his particular deficiencies. The accusations would seem trivial, but nevertheless there would be ground for removal. There is no question that the superiors should have more direct power over the personnel of the force."

While Gallagher was criticizing the merit system of appointment Ruef nodded and approved. He said that the Police Department should be "liberated" from civil service restrictions. The arguments of the administration on the question of civil service are equalled only by Ruef's unique excuse for the nomination of Conland Morgan for Judges of the Supreme Court by parties under his control, which was, as he said, a move to "take the judiciary out of politics."

SAYS HE WAS HELD UP.

L. Mand, a fireman on the steam schooner Noyo, reported to the harbor police yesterday that on Sunday night about 10 o'clock, when the Noyo was lying at Sixteenth-street wharf, two strangers boarded the vessel and entered the fore-castle, where, he was sleeping. They aroused him, showed him a Marine Fireman's Union book and told him he was wanted right away at union headquarters. When they reached the wharf they demanded his money. He was badly frightened, he says, and handed over \$7 and a silver watch worth \$5. The unique escape in the darkness. Policeman D. J. Bell made a tour of the water front saloons with Mand yesterday, but so far the men that robbed Mand have escaped arrest.

NOT SAN FRANCISCO THUG.

STOCKTON, Oct. 10.—Francis J. Harrison, under arrest here for an alleged attempt to rob a noon on the steamer J. P. Peters, is not believed by the officers here to be of the criminal class, nor the man wanted in San Francisco for the assault upon W. J. Sullivan. Harrison is a man of good appearance and gives a good account of himself.

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