

TOUCH OF REAL EXCITEMENT

Masked Robbers Make Midnight Raid on Northwestern Ticket Office.

Lay Out Operator and Conductor and Loot Place of Good-Sized Sum of Money.

Spend Balance of Night in Schell's Deer Park Near Outskirts of City.

Are Discovered Next Afternoon and Captured Along Little Cottonwood River.

Battles of "Furious Nature" Fought at "Scheible's Heights" and "Jeske's Grove."

Leader and Oldest of Gang is Not Over Twenty-one Years of Age.

It's an old story now, but it was interesting and exciting when it was new. A composite edition thereof, gleaned from a hundred different sources, is as follows:

At about half-past one o'clock Friday morning three masked men entered the open door of the ticket office of the Northwestern depot. Each carried a revolver and the hands of each were black with coal dust and grease. They had ridden into New Ulm on the tender of an engine all the way from Mankato.

As they entered the little room they leveled their pistols at the only two occupants, Operator W. H. Wilder and Conductor Ed. Hutchinson, and ordered them to hold up their hands. Both Wilder and Hutchinson regarded the order as a joke. In fact, they told the intruders so, firmly believing from their appearance that they were part of the yard train crews trying to put on a midnight comedy for Wilder's entertainment.

Wilder turned in his chair and went on with his work. Hutchinson continued to jolly and josh.

Then came the serious part. Two of the strangers attacked Hutchinson, hitting him over the head with the butt end of their revolvers; the third landed a blow back of Wilder's right ear. Both men were stunned for the moment, and when they "came to" they found that their faces were covered with well-aimed pistols.

The leader of the gang followed up this maneuver with taking Wilder's watch and chain and searching him for his keys. Then he set to work looting the money drawer and the safe. He had no difficulty with the latter, as it had not been securely locked, and from the two places he secured exactly \$236.72 in bills and coin of the realm. He also pocketed a bunch of rare coins deposited in the safe by Agent Starr.

Issuing the usual order to the operator and conductor, not to make a

move on peril of their lives, the men left the depot and hurried down the tracks in the direction of the brick-yards and the Cottonwood river. They were heard by one of the railroad employers passing the coal sheds, but the fact that they were running caused no suspicion.

As soon as the robbers were gone from the depot Operator Wilder notified the police. Officers Tauer and Weisenborn got busy at once and by two o'clock Sheriff Julius, Deputy Brust, Chief Klaus, Constable Juni and others were on the grounds making a thorough search of the depot surroundings. By six o'clock Essig, Cambria, Courtland, Mankato and the western townships of Nicollet county had been visited and aroused and telegrams were sent to the authorities of all the towns in the neighborhood.

By noon the authorities were ready to rest on their oars, feeling that all had been done that could be done.

By one o'clock they were ready to go to the circus.

About the same time a dispatch was received from Sanborn to the effect that suspicious characters had been held there. Sheriff Julius, accompanied by Constable Juni, left at once in response to the telegram, but returned at four o'clock without any prisoners.

In the meantime telephone messages had been received from Cottonwood, telling of the presence in the neighborhood of the Fortwengler place of three mysterious persons, but no attention was paid to these until Herman Hein, the Turnverein gymnastic teacher, came to the police station and said that while fishing on the Cottonwood river, he was accosted by a stranger, who seemed to have no reason for being so far away from a traveled road and who was so dressed and so adorned with rings that he could not help but attract attention.

This set the police to work again, and in about three quarters of an hour a posse had been organized ready to go forth to do battle for the reputation of New Ulm.

Three automobiles, each bearing four or five men, armed with revolvers, Winchester and (Krag-Jorgensons), constituted the cavalcade.

The robbers had appeared at two or three places between here and Searles during the afternoon and shortly before noon had made a raid on the residence of Jos. Schnobrich, stealing watches, bracelets, rings and trinkets of various sorts. From there they journeyed towards Searles.

They were first seen by sections of the posse at Scheible's pasture. Fire was opened by some of the party, and quite a number of shots were sent whizzing through the air without any serious effect. The robbers made good their escape to the river, and from there on there was a strenuous chase for two or three hours.

Just what happened the Review can-

not say—there are altogether too many conflicting stories.

One fact is certain Herman Hein, the man who met the stranger at the river bank in the forenoon, was the first man to encounter one of the men, face to face, in the evening, and, singular coincidence, it was the same man that he had met in the morning. He saw him lying in a straw pile on a farm near the Davis bridge in Cambria and immediately covered him with a revolver. At this juncture Capt. Pfander came along and the two caused the bandits' arrest.

When he was brought to town and lodged in jail, he confessed to having organized the gang, but said he knew nothing of either of his companions until he met them at Mankato on Wednesday. There it was agreed that they should start out on a sneak-thieving expedition, starting in with circus day at New Ulm. It was not their intention, however, he said, to indulge in any hold-ups. That came with the tempting inducement which offered itself when they arrived in New Ulm late Thursday night.

He gave his name as Robert E. Lewis, a mere fiction however. A New Ulm boy met him in Mankato Wednesday and recognized him at once. This New Ulmite also knows the young man's family and says that the captive is a confirmed kleptomaniac. He refuses, however, to give his real name.

The other two were captured shortly after seven o'clock Saturday morning near a grove on the Jeske farm south of Searles.

The credit for this capture will always remain a matter of dispute. Chief Klaus was in at the finish with a spectacular shot that grazed the scalp of the tallest of the bandits, but many there are that question the necessity for this shot and many there are who are willing to concede to Hugo Windhorn the role of the actual hero.

The two robbers claimed to be brothers and gave the names of Jesse and Harry Martin. It appears though that their real name is Bertrand. Their parents were divorced some years ago and now live apart, the mother in Minneapolis and the father in Winnebago City. The younger brother, Harry, sometimes goes by the name of Rogers.

Both insist that this is their first experience at highwaymanship and that Lewis is to blame for the whole business.

Lewis says he is a printer by trade, but as stated above, a New Ulm party knows that he has been a professional thief for eight or nine years. It is thought that his home is near Marshall.

Since his arrest a baggage check was found among his belongings and the grip which it called for was secured from Mankato. This grip contained something like twenty watches, seventy rings, several razors and a large number of lockets, chains, watch fobs and pocket knives. It is believed that this find represents only one of many of which Lewis may be guilty, and until the authorities have looked into his record fully there will be no hearing. The Northwestern officials are more interested than any one else and they will leave no stone unturned to establish his identity and land him in prison for as long a term as possible.

Guided by this spirit on the part of the railroad detectives the local authorities have consented to a postponement of the prisoners' hearing for two or three days. It will probably take place next Friday and the chances are that at that time all of the robbers will plead guilty.

The proofs against them are undeniable.

The amount stolen here was \$236 and a few cents more. When arrested Lewis had \$120.91, and each of the other two something like \$59 apiece. Lewis also had the rare coins stolen from the Northwestern depot and some trinkets and doilies taken from the home of Jos. Schnobrich in Cottonwood.

While Jesse Martin looks to be the toughest of the gang, there is no question but that Lewis, or whatever his name may be, is the ringleader. He gives his age as twenty-one, while Jesse is only twenty. Harry, the youngest of the trio, is nineteen.

Edwin Juni, who for the past two or three years has been a battalion sergeant major in the Second regiment of the Minnesota National guard, received notice this week that he had been promoted to the office of regimental sergeant major on the staff of Col. Wright. Juni, when he received the commission, at first thought it came in recognition of signal bravery displayed in the battle of "Scheible's Heights."

MRS. ARBOGAST WEAKENS

Becomes Frantic When Sheriff Appears to Take Her to Court.

Investigation of Mental Condition of Louise to Begin on June 28th.

Imploring the deputies of the sheriff's office not to take her to the district court rooms to answer charges in connection with the murder of her husband, Mrs. Mina Arbogast, was on Saturday taken to the city hospital.

When Sheriff Gerber went to the Arbogast home Saturday morning to tell the accused woman that he was to take her before the court she at first received the news in moody silence, but when the nurses and officers gathered to assist her to a carriage in front of the house she broke down completely and fought desperately against her being taken away. She would not be allayed in her excitement until the carriage had been driven out of her sight.

The sheriff then told her that she must either go to the court house or to the city hospital. She finally consented to do the latter.

In an interview Sheriff Gerber said that she is manifestly too ill to stand trial. While she has recovered from her burns her mental depression continues. He believes, however, that at the hospital she will soon recover.

Another reason given for the removal of Mrs. Arbogast to the hospital is that her home does not afford sufficient facilities for guarding against the possibilities of escape or self-destruction. The latter has been feared by the authorities ever since she was informed that an indictment had been returned against her for the murder of her husband.

In the case of her daughter Louise, also indicted, the court has decided that the investigation as to her insanity shall begin on June 28. This investigation will be conducted as an ordinary trial with a jury. The evidence submitted will be testimony from specialists on mental diseases and from the girl's jail attendants, her present mental condition being the only question at issue. It will not touch upon the question of whether she was insane at the time of the murder. All that is to be determined is whether she is competent at the present time to make a rational defense.

KNOWS A THING OR TWO ABOUT ART

Minnesota's Senior Senator Opens the Eyes of Senator Lodge.

Senator Nelson put one over on the plate the other day at the expense of Senator Lodge. The senator was debating the paragraph of the tariff bill providing that certain works of art should come into this country free of duty. This is a paragraph which greatly interests such men as J. P. Morgan and others in New York, who own millions of dollars worth of art works of various kinds, but refuse to bring them to America because of the excessive duties.

The theory of free trade in these commodities is that there is really no competition between them worth talking about, as that word is commonly understood, but that art works sell because of the personality of the artist. Senator Nelson got up when this paragraph was reached and argued for retaining the duty. He thought that the very rich men of the country, who have been able to invest their millions in expensive foreign paintings, statuary and such things, should be compelled to pay a duty on bringing these things to this country. It was one way of getting a tax out of them and, besides, he thought that the American artist was entitled to some measure of protection.

Senator Lodge, while Senator Nelson was talking, smiled at him in his superior way, seeing which Mr. Nelson turned to Mr. Lodge and said that the situation was not one calling for smiles, and that he wanted the Massachusetts gentleman to know that all the lovers of works of art were not in the eastern section of the country. Mr. Nelson said that, although he hailed from the west, he wanted the easterners to know that he enjoyed good paintings and other creations of art just as much as other people, and that he never visited New York that he did not spend several hours in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, looking at the art treasures there on exhibition.

One day he was in this museum admiring a great painting by a noted artist. It was a barnyard scene, and the technic and coloring were all that the most exacting critic could demand.

The picture itself had been praised by the critics of two continents. While in deep study before this painting, Mr. Nelson said he became conscious that two women were standing near him, also looking at it. One of them was of middle age, portly and attired in a black silk dress. Her companion was much younger and might have been a daughter. The elderly woman had on her person diamonds worth a king's ransom. Finally, after gazing for a moment in what seemed to be idle curiosity at the great painting, she turned to her companion, as both started to walk away, and said: "Just look at the funny curl on that pig's ear."

This, Mr. Nelson thought, fully expressed the woman's power of appreciation of a great work of art, and the story brought him back to the point he already had made, namely, that because he was from the west, and was in favor of a duty on works of art admitted into this country, it must not be supposed, by Mr. Lodge or anybody else, that he did not know good art when he saw it, did not like it, and was not ready at all times to pay it due honor.

But the Minnesotan, although he succeeded in convincing Senator Lodge that if there were people in the west who did not understand high grade paintings he was not one of them, was not strong enough to secure the passage of his amendment. It was defeated without a roll call.

Baseball Notes.

The Springfield club will play Jackson on the 5th at Windom.

The Autos go to Fairfax next Sunday. The J. L. D's. will be at home competing with a Mankato team.

The Star Bloomers, a cheap aggregation of female players, tackled a picked-up local nine on a hastily improvised diamond in North German park Thursday afternoon and were defeated with a score of 10 to 2. It is claimed that only fifteen or twenty people paid to see the game, notwithstanding the visitors used such unusually excellent drawing cards as a band concert and a parade.

IS THIS A SIGN OF PROSPERITY

Minnesota's Bank Deposits Have Increased Over Seventeen Per Cent in a Single Year.

According to figures just completed by State Immigration Commissioner Welsh the bank deposits of Minnesota have increased over seventeen per cent in a single year.

A year ago all the state and national banks had deposits amounting to \$223,522,566. Now the deposits in the same banks aggregate \$262,042,931.84, an increase of exactly \$38,520,365.74 or 17.23 per cent.

The increase is not confined to any section of the state. With a few exceptions there has been an increase in every county.

Bank deposits and bank clearings are always taken as an indication of good business and prosperity.

Acting upon the recommendation of Mayor Lawler the St. Paul city council has voted to use New Ulm granite in the macadamizing of all its streets. This week the Minnesota Flint Rock company received an order for 3,000 yards, and this is looked upon as just the beginning of an extensive business with the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The aldermanic bodies of both cities are favorably inclined to the New Ulm stone and appropriations have been made for streets aggregating over a million dollars. The New Ulm quarries are sure to derive a profitable advantage from this action for years to come.

Miss Gertrude Ross returned Saturday from a pleasant two weeks' visit at Owatonna and Eyota, her sister, Miss Clara Ross who is a teacher in the Eyota public schools, returning with her. At Owatonna Miss Ross assisted with piano and vocal solos in the commencement exercises of the Sacred Heart Academy.

Mrs. Theo. Wehye of Minneapolis was among the hundreds who attended the high school commencement exercises at the Turner Theatre Wednesday evening. Her daughter, Helen, was one of the graduates.

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