

BAGGED THE BANDITS

Train Robbers, Armed to the Teeth, Caught Just in Time.

THEY WERE REGULAR WALKING ARSENALS

Revolvers, Masks and Giant Powder Among the Souvenirs Found.

PLAN TO ROB A MISSOURI PACIFIC TRAIN

One of Them Weakened and Betrayed the Plot to the Police.

CAGED IN CELLS AT THE CITY JAIL

Detectives Met Them by Moonlight Along and Gathered Them in Three Bold Road Agents Now in Custody in Omaha.

Had the many passengers on last night's Missouri Pacific train No. 2, known as the St. Louis express, which leaves Webster street station at 10 o'clock p. m., know what came within a few minutes of happening to them if they had not waded far out of Omaha, they would not have rested very easily until reaching their respective destinations.

Down at the city jail last night slept three young men who gave their names as Wilbur Bennington, Al Squires and Charles McClure, who were looked as suspicious characters for want of a better substantiated charge. Those three young men had not been called upon to testify in court this morning at least two of them will have to think very hard to save themselves from serving the commonwealth for some time to come.

Squealed on His Cousins. Saturday morning Detective Savage was approached under the Tenth street viaduct by the man booked as Bennington, who was evidently in a state of mental perturbation, owing no doubt to his lack of experience in the James business, and who informed the officer of a plot between Squires, McClure and himself to hold up No. 2 that night on a point about three and a half miles from the city, very close to the "poor farm."

But the hold-up, according to a trifling incident, did not come off owing to schedule. It seems that at just about the point where trouble was looked for three trainmen happened to climb on the roof of a car to look for tramps, and the would-be train robbers, thinking the train was about to be a posse, concluded to postpone operations.

Adopted a "Safe" Plan. It is evidently the policy of "the gang" to make "hay while the moon shines", for as soon as they have given up operations on the train job, they made preparations for another, and the detectives found them early Sunday morning, about to enter the Diamond saloon on Douglas street to crack the big safe therein, in accordance with a program previously arranged and which was known to the officers, who were ready for any move the suspects might make. No arrests were made, however, as the police were waiting to hold all the trumps.

Last evening, three men lay concealed in a nook in Hanson park, just south of the pond, waiting for the hour when they might sneak across the western part of the city to the poor farm and arrive just in time to head off Missouri Pacific train No. 2. Just about 8:15 o'clock along came Detective Savage and Bennington and Hayes and Hudson, who were looking for three would-be train robbers about the respective sizes of the three men loitering on the south edge of the pond.

"Did you see some boys in swimming here?" asked Savage, as he approached the trio. He had hardly spoken when McClure, the leader of the trio, realizing that the game was up, attempted to draw his revolver, but was sent to the ground by a blow from the officer's fist, and in less than time it takes to tell it Messrs. McClure, Squires and Bennington were disarmed and under arrest.

Regular Walking Arsenal. On them were found five heavy-caliber revolvers, all loaded, and a lot of extra cartridges, two big ivory pistols, about ten sticks of giant powder, with fuse and detonating caps, a small bottle of benzine, with which to saturate the coating of the fuse and make it burn rapidly, and a grain sack for carrying the expected "wreck."

As soon as McClure found himself in the hands of the police, he was furious. "Just give me my gun one minute," he roared, "and you won't need to take me to any station, here's the station where this train robbery is being carried out, and I'm pointing to Bennington, where he and I would go together, too, d—n quick! I told you," he went on, turning to Squires, who was remaining discreetly silent "that that fellow was either a d—n good man or a scrub. You see what he is."

Plan of the Robbery. The plan of the robbery was to flag the Missouri Pacific train, which leaves the Webster street station at 10 o'clock in the evening. The men went out to the southeast corner of Hanson park and from there it is only a short walk to the vicinity of the county poor farm, south of which is a deep ravine or gully and is one of the best possible places for an ambush. The train leads down the Missouri Pacific tracks and is admirably

STOPPED COINING SILVER

India Mints Have Been Closed to the White Metal.

EFFECTS UPON THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

Statements Made in the House of Lords and House of Commons—Waiting for Action on the Part of the United States.

LONDON, June 26.—Telegrams from Calcutta say that the Indian government has stopped the exchange of silver for private account at the mints.

In the House of Lords today, Earl Kimberley, secretary of state for India, stated that the Indian council had passed an act for the immediate closing of mints to the free coinage of silver and that it was intended to introduce a gold standard in India, though gold would not be the sole legal tender.

In the House of Commons Mr. Gladstone gave information similar to that given in the House of Lords by the earl of Kimberley. He added that gold would not be made a legal tender at present. Regarding the silver question he said that the government of India had been instructed that it was open to it to admit this silver if it thought fit.

Rt. Hon. Goschen, formerly chancellor of the exchequer, asked if the admission of free coinage of silver now going to India would not establish a great injury, or effect the destruction of such silver as was in the hands of the natives. Mr. Goschen said that the value of silver possessed by the natives amounted to 100,000,000 rupees.

Mr. Harber, financial secretary of India, opposed the stopping of the mints until it becomes evident that the United States will not adopt free coinage. Mr. Harber explained that the government of India had been instructed that it was open to it to admit this silver if it thought fit.

The correspondence between the government of India and the India offices has been issued. It opens with a letter from the India council, under date of May 18, 1892, urging the home government to aid in the settlement of the silver question by an international agreement, falling in line, not to defer determining upon an Indian policy, as if an international agreement should not be obtained, the United States might suddenly stop the coinage of silver, leaving India unprepared.

Waiting on the United States. The council, in a letter written in June, 1892, advises that if the international monetary conference at Brussels fails and a direct agreement between India and the United States cannot be made, the government of India be closed to the free coinage of silver and a gold standard be introduced.

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STAND EVEN AT LAST COUNT

Reichstag is a Tie on the Question of the Military Bill.

GREAT EXCITEMENT EXISTS IN BERLIN

Government Makes Great Gains in the By-Elections, but Not Yet Enough to Carry Its Point—What the Count Shows.

[Copyright 1893 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, June 26.—[New York Herald Cable]—Special to THE BEE.—The results of the election today show: For the military bill—Conservatives, 68; Reich party, 18; liberals, 4; freisinnige, 11; Poles, 18; center, 3; anti-Semites, 11; Alsace, 2; Danes, 1. Against the military bill—Freisinnige, 80; Volks party, 10; center, 87; social democrats, 45; Alsace, 8; Guelp, 5; making 175 for each side.

ITS EFFECTS AT WASHINGTON

Secretary Carlisle Has a Long Conversation with President Cleveland. Washington, June 26.—The president, Secretary Carlisle and the financial officers of the government, generally, received their first authentic news of the startling action of the government of India suspending silver coinage through the press dispatches. There had been rumors on the subject earlier in the day, but they were passed upon as rumors only, though their source was not denied.

When the report of Mr. Gladstone's announcement in the House of Commons and Lord Kimberley's statement in the House of Lords was received, the news situation became at once apparent. Mr. Carlisle went over to the White House and, for nearly two hours, discussed the bearings of the action on the part of the government of India to admit this silver if it thought fit.

Information obtained from the Treasury department shows that the world's production of silver during the last five years has been 4,000,000,000 ounces, of which the United States purchased 4,000,000 ounces outside of silver used in the coinage of the country at about 7,000,000 ounces.

Attendance at the Fair. Chicago, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A table of part admissions to the fair since the opening May 14 including today, shows the total attendance to have been 3,131,711, as follows: First week, May 1 to 6, 254,577; Second week, May 7 to 13, 215,586; Third week, May 14 to 20, 228,297; Fourth week, May 21 to 27, 275,211; Fifth week, May 28 to June 3, 377,577.

Decline in Silver. Denver, June 26.—The unprecedented decline in the price of silver today has created among financiers today. Business was resumed this morning with a general feeling of depression, growing out of a combination of unfavorable circumstances. Fresh failures have been reported, and the price of string money was a good foundation for the announcement of the stoppage of Indian silver mints.

One Born Every Minute. Nebraska City's Latest Contribution to the Army that Never Dies. LINCOLN, Neb., June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—John McKay of Nebraska City formed the acquaintance of a stranger on the train enroute to Lincoln last night. Upon their arrival they repaired to the city hall and, after a few minutes' conversation, the stranger gave him a dice for money.

Little Interest Manifested. Interstate Railway Convention at Lincoln Attracting No Attention. LINCOLN, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A small meeting of citizens was held tonight and committees appointed on reception, finance and program for the north and south railway convention, which will meet at 3 p. m. Wednesday in representative hall.

Lowest Prices Ever Reached. Washington, June 26.—The market price of silver today reached the lowest point in the history of that product. On Saturday the London price, which guides the director of the mint in his purchases, for the mint was 57 1/2 pence, or about 81.8 cents in this country. This morning the price in London was 56 pence, or about 78.5 cents in New York, a drop of three points.

SPRINGFIELD

Final Chapter in the Great Chicago Drama Concluded.

NEEBE, SCHWAB AND FIELDEN AT LIBERTY

After Mature Deliberation the Governor Restores the Life Convicts to Their Families—Three Homes Made Happy—Arrive in Chicago.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 26.—Governor Altgeld today pardoned Fielding, Neebe and Schwab, the anarchists serving life sentences in Joliet penitentiary for complicity in the Haymarket riot in Chicago on the night of May 4, 1889, in which a large number of police were killed or wounded and for which Parsons, Snies and others were hanged and over whose grave a monument was unveiled by Chicago anarchists yesterday. The governor stated that it is his duty to pardon these men, and that their pardon was not an act of leniency, but a recognition of the fact that they were not guilty of the crime for which they were sentenced.

How Their Pardons Were Arranged by the Governor. CHICAGO, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Schwab, Fielden and Neebe came quietly to the homes here tonight, in the twilight of a rainy day. They were met by Frank Walker, one of the state's counsel in the case, said: "The only effect the pardon might have, might be to lessen the force of punishment that will strengthen it, and will increase the respect for the law in the minds of the people."

Violent Death of a Pioneer. MARSHALTON, Ia., June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Jory Spurlin, one of the oldest settlers of Iowa, died at his home in Marshalltown, Ia. While in a tree top thirty feet from the ground he sawed off a large limb, which fell against another limb and precipitated the old man to the ground, where he fell and was killed. He leaves a wife and three children.

Boy Burglars Captured. FORT DONER, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Lewis Rossing, Dave Jones and Joe Lewis, three boys under 15, were arrested today for burglary. Rossing had stolen goods found on them. They were taken to the police station and committed to the reform school.

Short in His Accounts. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It is alleged that the steward of the Audubon county poor farm for the past year, is several hundred dollars short in his accounts. The board of supervisors will probably appoint a committee to investigate the charges.

Fell Under a Train. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Edward Everett, in attempting to board a moving train at Marshalltown this afternoon, fell under the wheels. His right leg was terribly crushed and he cannot live.

Rain in South Dakota. SIOUX CITY, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Reports from all points of South Dakota are of heavy rainfalls, coming just in time to break the drought and save the crops.

Stork City's Trotting Meeting. SIOUX CITY, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The summer trotting meeting opens here tomorrow with a field of 180 horses, many of them among the best in the west.

ANNALS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC

It Announces Its All-Rail Route from St. Paul to San Francisco.

DAMAGING FIRE EXTINGUISHED

Lead City, Mo., June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The big timber fire along the Black Hills & Fort Pierre railroad between Lead City and Piedmont has been extinguished after the loss of 2,000 cords of wood and a number of thousand feet of logs.

Loaded Down with Bad Debts. KANSAS CITY, June 26.—The Star's Topika, Kan., special says: The Bank of Ness City has been closed by State Bank Commissioner Breidenthal after an unsuccessful attempt to raise money through the sale of its assets.

Had Preferred Creditors. WILMINGTON, N. C., June 26.—Huske & Draper, retail dealers in dry goods, assigned today with preferred creditors. No statement of liabilities and assets is obtainable, but the amount involved is not believed to be very much.

Will Issue Clearing House Certificates. BOSTON, June 26.—All the banks have unanimously decided to issue clearing house certificates.

When the Race Is Ended. Where the Cowboys Will Register on Entering Chicago. CHICAGO, June 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The arena of Buffalo Bill's Wild West will be the final registering place of the now closely contested cowboy race from Chadron, Neb.

Doz Middleton Drops Out. DENVER, June 26.—Doz Middleton arrived at 5:15 this morning and quit the race. His horse was shipped to Chicago.

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