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BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY NEAR MEMPHIS TENN.

Six Masked Men Board a Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Passenger Train and Loot Express Car.

Express Messenger Meader Beaten Over the Head and Forced to Open Local Safe.

The Through Safe Blown Open with Nitro Glycerine and Entire Contents Taken—Porter Fatally Shot

Little Rock, Ark., April 23.—The Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf passenger train, which was held up at midnight near the Iron Mountain crossing four and a half miles west of Memphis, arrived here at 6:10 this morning, half an hour late.

Sidney Drew, the negro porter who was shot by the bandits, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital and had his wound dressed by the company's local physician. His condition is serious and he may die. C. T. Meader, the express messenger, was badly beaten over the head and shoulders with a pistol but he was able to continue his run. The passengers were not molested. Frank W. Haskell, local agent of the Wells Fargo Express company, could not estimate the amount the robbers secured, but it is said to be over \$3,000.

The train left Memphis at 11:40 last night, and after crossing the bridge, made the usual stop at Bridge Junction. At this point six masked men boarded the train, but were not seen by any of the train crew. When a point half a mile west of Iron Mountain crossing had been reached, Messenger Meader started to cross over from the first car to the other, where the express safes were, as he had finished arranging the baggage. As he opened the door he found himself staring into the barrels of two revolvers and two shot guns and saw four men standing on the platform. He was grabbed by one of the robbers and his pistol, which he carried in a belt around his waist, was taken from him.

About this time the train began to slow up and came to a full stop. Then shooting began. Two men who had boarded the rear of the second car, captured Sidney Drew, the train porter, and made him uncouple at that point. The engineer and fireman had been taken care of by this time. Two of the robbers mounted the engine cab and forced Engineer Johnson to pull the baggage and express cars about half a mile.

The place where the cars stopped is in the midst of a dense canebrake, and several miles from any habitation. The track is raised fifteen feet above the surrounding country. When the engine stopped George Ward, a boy who had been riding on the blind baggage, sprang off and started into the woods. A shot from one of the robbers brought him back to the train. Then "Open the local safe or we will kill you," was the order given to the messenger by one of the robbers, who seemed to be the leader. He was very calm while the other three were very much excited and worked like amateurs. The messenger obeyed and one of the men, who carried a sack, placed all the contents of the local safe in it.

"Now you and the kid get into the car ahead," was the next order. Meader did not seem to move fast enough to suit the robbers who had him in charge, so he delivered a few blows with the heavy revolver he carried. After the messenger was in the other car the robber continued to beat him, the messenger says, until he was very badly bruised. He received a very bad cut over the right eye.

One robber stayed to guard the two prisoners, the other two joining their comrades in the express car, where they were at work on the through safe, which was locked and could not be opened until Little Rock was reached.

ed. They had about a pint of nitro glycerine and poured it in the crack of the safe.

When everything was ready all left the car and the explosion followed. It was a complete success, for the door of the safe was blown off and hurled twenty feet away, striking a tree trunk and smashed it. The robbers re-entered the car and it was but the work of a few moments to transfer the contents of the safe to the sack. Everything was taken. The robbers then jumped off and with a few parting shots disappeared into the canebrake. The engineer ran back to the rest of the train and as soon as the coupling was made started as fast as possible for Edmondson, twelve miles away, the nearest telegraph station, where the affair was reported to Superintendent John H. Harris. The superintendent immediately wired to the convict camp at Hulbert, five miles this side of the scene of the holdup, asking that the blood-hounds there be placed on the trail of the bandits. Rewards will be offered.

HAVE DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECTS

Memphis, April 23.—The Memphis police have a description of two men who are suspected of having had a hand in the hold-up near Bridge Junction last night. The suspects, who were well dressed, applied to the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis depot ticket agent for passage to Bridge Junction, but he refused to sell them tickets and they went away. As all trace of them has been lost it is thought they boarded

NATIONS WONT RECOGNIZE VENEZUELAN DECISIONS

Washington, April 23.—Information received here is that England, Germany and Spain have notified Venezuela that they will not recognize the decisions of the Venezuelan courts in deciding claims of their subjects arising out of the revolution in Venezuela.

This is a more radical position than that assumed by the United States, which only insists on reviewing the decisions of the Venezuelan courts in regard to American claims. England, Germany and Spain maintain the claims must be adjusted through diplomatic means.

A PENNSYLVANIA VILLAGE SINKING

Mayfield, Built Over a Mine, Excited by a Cave-in.

Mayfield, Pa., April 23.—This village is excited by a cave-in. About ten houses have been twisted out of plumb and the Delaware and Hudson tracks are sunken about ten inches. The rails are badly twisted and traffic is stopped. The area covered by the settling is about 400 yards and is thickly populated. People have fled from their houses, but only person was injured. The foundation of the Greek Catholic church has fallen and the building is in danger of collapse. The cave first occurred in the bottom vein of the Hillside Coal and Iron company's Glenwood colliery.

ARMY LIMIT 76,000.

Washington, April 23.—At a conference with General Miles this afternoon Secretary Root decided to limit the strength of the reorganized army to 76,000. It will, therefore not be re-organized to the maximum strength of one hundred thousand.

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the 8:30 p. m. Kansas City train and took the chances of getting off at Bridge Junction. Another theory is that the two men went out on the Choctaw train which was held up and assisted in the robbery, having been detailed to make sure that the coveted express money was on board.

AMOUNT OF BOOTY UNKNOWN.

Memphis, April 23.—The Wells Fargo people here say they do not know yet how much money the train robbers got in the hold-up on the Choctaw, Omaha and Gulf road at Bridge Junction, Ark., last night. They are informed that only one of the two express safes were looted. They have sent a man to the scene of the robbery to investigate.

JERSEY CENTRAL EMPLOYEES GET INCREASE OF WAGES

Committee Reaches Agreement with the Company.

New York, April 23.—The conference committee of employees of the Jersey Central reached an agreement with the company today as far as the trainmen are concerned. It is expected an agreement with the telegraphers will be reached tomorrow.

Under the agreement the wages of the trainmen and switchmen are advanced ten per cent. The minimum of telegraphers' wages at present are \$40 per month. It was agreed that this should stand, but demand will be made for an advance for more important work and general readjustment of wages.

COURT OF INQUIRY AT WEST POINT

Convened to Investigate Insubordination of Cadets.

West Point, April 23.—The court of inquiry convened today to investigate the insubordination of about a hundred cadets who recently yelled derisively at Superintendent Mills, placed a sunset gun in front of his residence and were about to fire it when stopped by sentinels. The action of the cadets is due to the punishment of Cadet Rolston by Mills for not reporting irregularities in the mess hall. The dismissal of some of the offenders is expected.

AN IMPERIAL EDICT FOR REFORMS IN CHINA

Prince Ching and Earl Li Placed on "General Board of State Affairs"—Expedition Reached Great Wall Without Fighting.

Peking, April 23.—Li Hung Chang has been informed that the Chinese troops under General Liu have already retired into Shafisi province and are beyond the point where they might come in contact with the German and French soldiers. The Germans continue to advance and are now a little beyond the boundary of Chihli province. The inhabitants of the Chinese villages have become frightened at the advance of the expedition and have fled in all directions.

Rockhill, following instructions received from Washington, has urged the ministers to limit the indemnity to forty million pounds. The German minister thinks the amount required should be over sixty million pounds. The British minister thinks that the missions should bear their own losses and that the missionaries are inclined to be sordid.

Shanghai, April 23.—First result recent edict called for reform measures appears in an imperial edict today. This abolishes the privy council and substitutes therefor a new board, called the "General Board of State Affairs." The edict commands the new board to recommend whatever changes are needed. The emperor will then report the suggestions to the dowager empress for her decision. After the return of the court to Peking the suggestions adopted will be put in force. The president of the new board is Prince Ching and among its members is Li Hung Chang.

The notorious Yu Yin Lin, recently appointed governor of Yunnan has been dismissed.

Berlin, April 23.—Count Von Waldersee reports that the French-German expedition arrived without opposition at different points of the great wall, which is the boundary of Shansi province. It is unofficially stated that there will be no further advances and there will be no fighting.

Washington, April 23.—It is understood that the Chinese plenipotentiaries at Peking, Prince Chin and Li Hung Chang are prepared to give a guarantee to the powers for the protection of all foreigners in China, if the foreign troops now stationed there are withdrawn. Thus far the retention of the foreign forces has been urged as necessary in order to preserve order and protect foreigners, but the Chinese authorities say that order has been so far re-established that the imperial government is fully able to direct the Chinese troops in such a way as to secure complete safety to the interests of all foreigners. This is understood to be

DISREPUTABLE WOMAN WHIPPED AT THE POST

Result of a Crusade to Cleanse a Virginia Town.

Suffolk, Va., April 23.—As a result of the crusade against disreputable women two of them, Carrie Halmer and Lavinia White, today received twenty lashes from a whip wielded by Chief of Police Ames in the city hall. The women trembled with pain but did not cry. A crowd looked on at the proceedings. After the whipping the women were ordered to leave town with a warning that they would get fifty stripes if they returned. They left with bleeding backs on the first train for Greene Fields.

TO LEAVE OFF UNION LABEL.

Minneapolis, April 23.—The sash and doors manufacturers of this city have agreed to terminate on May 1 the arrangement with the wood workers' union which the union label was stamped on all mill work. The action, it is feared, will cause the strike of the carpenters now in progress to spread to all other buildings.

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