

A FIENDISH HOLD-UP

ROBBERS LOOTED CAR THEN CAUSED COLLISION.

Happened on the Great Northern Railway near Colbert on Saturday night. The quick-witted trainmen.

Spokane, Wash., May 17.—Following the hold-up of a Great Northern passenger train by six bandits between Colbert and Mead, on Saturday night, twelve persons were injured when the locomotive and mail car, cut off from the rest of the train, ran back and forth on the tracks, and the mails of an unknown amount, and collided with the rest of the train, which had been left standing where the bandits got possession of it. Having taken the detached mail car down the track a considerable distance, the robbers looted the registered mail and reversing the engine sent the locomotive and the mail car crashing back into the passenger coaches.

The conductor saw the wild cars backing down the track at twenty-five miles an hour and he and another trainman placed a tie on the track to arrest their flight, but the cars, though partly stopped by this means, plunged into the coaches, throwing passengers from their seats, cutting them with glass from broken windows. A trainman, nervous to the point of springing aboard the locomotive as the collision occurred and shut off the steam, stopping the havoc.

When the train reached Colbert late last night some switching had to be done. While the engine crew were busy at this work two men jumped into the cab and, thrusting a revolver against the bodies of Engineer William Miller and Fireman John Hall, ordered them to do as commanded. The engineer and fireman complied, and the mail cars were cut off from the rest of the train by other robbers who, thrusting a revolver against the bodies of Engineer and mail car were then run up the track a few miles. Then the engineer and his fireman were forced to leave the cab. Two of the robbers went to the door of the mail car and ordered it opened. Their command was obeyed by Benjamin P. Stamp, the clerk, who was hurried away from the cars with the engine by a dozen revolver shots, anning the locomotive themselves the outlaws took the mail cars down the track and looted the registered mail. Then they started the locomotive and headed towards the rest of the train and escaped.

Conductor C. L. Robertson had a brakeman cut the telegraph wire to send word to Spokane. While he was busy telegraphing, about half an hour after the locomotive and mail cars had disappeared, he saw the powerful locomotive chugging towards the coaches, in which many persons were asleep, as the robbers had acted quietly in seizing the mail car. Many of the passengers knew nothing of the hold-up until awakened by the collision, that was caused by the quick work of the trainmen.

As soon as Conductor Robertson realized that a collision was imminent he called on the brakemen and porters to aid him. While the conductor and another man threw a tie across the track a broken rail ready to board the car as soon as the shock of the collision checked the impetus of the wild locomotive. The mail car was partly derailed by the tie and the wheels ploughed into the ballast, while the steam impelled the locomotive to wheel on the rails. The brakeman was instantly in the cab, where he seized the throttle and shut off the steam and applied the brakes. Passengers, tumbled from their seats and jostled in berths, rushed out to ascertain the cause of the shock. No one was fatally hurt.

Two special train loads of deputies were hurried from Spokane when the word of the hold-up was received, and doctors were taken along to care for the injured. No trace of the robbers was found.

While it is reported that the bandits obtained a large sum of money from the registered mail, the amount being placed at \$20,000, railroad officials and mail inspectors say the amount stolen is not known. One of the bandits who entered the cab was more than six feet tall and evidently was an experienced engineer. As the two robbers entered the cab this man said to the engineer: "You have heard of us before," indicating that they had been involved in similar hold-ups in the vicinity of Spokane within the last few months.

T. N. Wilson and wife, of Spokane, were the most seriously injured of the passengers. He suffered a fracture of two ribs and Mrs. Wilson was severely bruised.

FITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Culled From All Over The World.

The British bluejackets outwitted their allies of the Japanese navy in the regatta held at Esquimaut.

Loander Holmgren, McKeessport, Pa. was struck over the heart by a ball and died almost instantly.

Judges will have the assistance of his old ring rival, James J. Corbett, in his training for his fight with "Jack" Johnson.

At Bogota, Colombia, Gen. Victor Calderon Reyes, former minister of war, and recently commander-in-chief of the Colombia army, is dead.

At Prince Albert, Sask., J. W. Currier committed suicide, Saturday afternoon, by taking strychnine. He had passed forged cheques to the amount of \$25.

Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, formerly assistant priest at St. Patrick's, Montreal, has been appointed vice-chancellor of the archdiocese of Montreal.

The reduction of licenses is causing an epidemic of drinking in Toronto, observed Magistrate Dennison, in the police court. The drunks were numerous.

At Yonkers, William Watson, a well-to-do New Yorker, was arrested for exceeding the speed limit while driving an automobile with his bride a few days, and was later sentenced to serve four days in jail.

By the accidental discharge of his rifle, William McKenzie, sixteen years of age, a cadet from the Bartmouth, N.S., high school, was instantly killed on the military ranges at Bedford, a few miles from Halifax, on Saturday afternoon.

Maud McCue and Lillian Booth, young girls, who ran away from their homes in Belleville, appeared in the children's court, Toronto, on charges of vagrancy. They were remanded for a week in order that their people may be communicated with.

EXPLODED IN CHURCH

DYNAMITE CAP MANGLES BOY'S HAND.

Defaulting School Treasurer of Hull Arrested in Chicago—Board of Enquiry Into Ottawa Military Matter.

Ottawa, May 17.—In the exchequer court, this morning, Justice Cassels rendered judgment in the government expropriation proceedings against Henry Condon, proprietor of the Park hotel, 520 Sussex street. Mr. Condon was fined \$17,500, with the costs for his property, as against \$12,000 offered by the government. He asked \$25,000.

It was announced in the commons, to-day, that a board of inquiry had been ordered by the militia department to look into charges of padding pay-lists, etc., against Major De La Roche and his officers of local army service corps.

Dolor Parent, the defaulting school treasurer of Hull, who got away, it is said, with about \$500, is under arrest in Chicago, and the sheriff has gone to bring him back. It is not known whether he will fight extradition.

Thomas Blondin, a Hull school boy, while toying with a dynamite cap during mass at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, there, had part of his thumb and forefinger blown away by an explosion. The lad found a cap in a quarry, and, while seated in church, he playfully tossed it with a match. There were hundreds of children in the church at the time, but the injured lad was removed without the slightest interruption of the service.

ALLEGE DISCRIMINATION. Say That Despatches Should Not Get Rates. Montreal, May 17.—R. A. E. Green-shield, will appear before the railway commission, at Ottawa, to-morrow, to press a complaint, on behalf of the London Times newspaper against Canadian Telegraph companies, alleging that they are discriminating against the Times in transmitting messages from Montreal and Ottawa to Glouce Bay for wireless transmission to England. The telegraph companies allege that the Times is not entitled to the regular press rate from London to Glouce Bay as the matter transmitted is not for publication at Glouce Bay.

That Divining-Rod Mystery. The enthusiasm with which men have written to disprove and discredit the claims of those who relate successful experiences with the divining-rod, for the finding of hidden underground springs, has served to create a rather unusual interest in the subject. It is somewhat like shaking a rod rag at a bull to raise the subject again, before the heat of a recent discussion has fairly cooled, but a new theory and a new account of success have come together from France. That springs are actually found, and with surprising frequency, by men who use the divining-rod, cannot be disputed. But whether it is the rod or the man that finds the spring is the open question. The Frenchman claims that the man is the sensitive medium upon which the unexplained influence works, while the rod is but a means of expression which shows the effect. Both observers and the workers with the rod state that only those to whom the gift is given naturally can succeed in using the divining of springs, and claim that the criticism and ridicule turned upon them is due to the fact of failures where the gift is absent.

Chinese Naturalization Laws. The Chinese government has just decided upon the following important naturalization laws besides others of minor significance: 1—Foreigners wishing to become Chinese subjects must first of all be without other nationality, and in the second place must have resided in China ten years; even then the sanction of the ministry of the interior must be obtained. 2—Chinese wishing to become naturalized subjects of other countries must under all circumstances obtain the consent of the ministry of the interior; they can in no other way divest themselves of their Chinese nationality. 3—Chinese women wishing to marry foreigners must obtain the consent of the ministry of the interior before they can divest themselves of Chinese nationality.

There is much in the above rules to clash with European laws or rules on this subject. Little Girl's Long Journey. Calgary News. Annie Brown, a five-year-old Irish girl, has just reached Calgary, after a journey of more than 5,000 miles, made absolutely alone from start to finish. During the trip she was well cared for by passengers on boats and trains, who became interested in her artless story of how she was going to Canada to meet her daddy, who preceded her eighteen months.

Annie's father, James Brown, is living on a homestead five miles south of Calgary, and could not spare the time to cross the ocean to act as escort for his little girl, consequently he decided to have her make the long journey alone.



MRS. LYCERGUS WINCHESTER. With the announcement of the engagement of this young New York widow to Dr. David Dickson comes word that Miss Louise Millitz, a Cincinnati nurse, was previously engaged to the physician and gave him up to Mrs. Winchester that he might make a career.

SOME HEROIC CONVICTS

KING MANUEL GIVES FIRST AID TO WOUNDED.

Sympathy of Young Sovereign in Recent Earthquake Horror Won All Hearts.

Lisbon, May 17.—Terrible tales of desolation and death still come from the scene of the recent earthquake. Four villages were destroyed, and in one of them, Benavent, not a house was left standing. All the way the inhabitants were camping in the fields and in tents hastily constructed of sheets and blankets supported by mass and oars from the fishermen's boats or anything that came to hand.

The youthful King Manuel, Prince Alfonso (the king's uncle), and the minister of public works were among the first to arrive in the stricken districts. The king was deeply moved by the sights, and his sympathy won the gratitude of the peasants, while his presence encouraged the rescuers to unflinching efforts.

When the king reached the scene of desolation he devoted himself to comforting the sufferers. In a ruined house he found bakers courageously making bread for the hungry people and shook hands with them all. A very old baker addressed him paternally, saying, "Goodbye, my boy, I shall hope to see you again."

Near one dying man the doctors were deploring the want of a certain drug to save him. The king overheard them, and exclaimed that he had fortunately remembered to bring some of the drug. Running to his motor car he fetched the bottle and helped to administer the contents.

One of the most remarkable incidents in the disaster was the action of some convicts, who, instead of following their fellows in an escape from a makeshift prison, rendered the most heroic service in the work of rescue. They will probably be rewarded by a free pardon.

The comparative immunity of the capital was partly due to the system of building adopted after the great quake of 1755, when 50,000 persons lost their lives. In the villages the sun-baked bricks and mud walls of the houses facilitated the destruction.

CANADA FAKERS.

Arthur Stringer Severely Censures Sir Gilbert Parker.

Mr. Arthur Stringer has recently written a severe article condemning what he calls the "Canada fakers." Mr. Stringer has little patience with the authors who profess to write of Canada and produce work full of glaring inaccuracies. Sir Gilbert Parker is one of the culprits, says the writer. "Strange," he declares, "are the errors of Sir Gilbert Parker, who is Canadian-born and was for many years a school teacher in his native country. Thus, in his book, 'The Chief Factor,' he has two of his characters about to fight a duel, with swords. It is natural, of course, that two combatants would search for passably level ground. Sir Gilbert takes them from the Hudson Bay Co.'s post and brings them to a moose-yard. Now it is my fixed conviction that the author in question has in some way confounded the word 'moose-yard' with 'barn-yard.' It is equally my conviction that Sir Gilbert has never looked upon a moose-yard, much less tried to travel through one in the winter-time. For a moose-yard is nothing more than an intricate network of a wandering maze of deep tracks, or, rather, of deep gutters, an irregular series of trap-holes two feet and more to the bottom. And a delightfully odd and uncertain place indeed in which to indulge in a combat by sword! Still again, Sir Gilbert's tendency to sentimentalize the situation leads him to depict his characters as marching across the snow in the dead of winter while one member of the band blithely defies sub-zero weather and triumphantly plays a flute. Now just how this placid-soldier gentleman fingered the stops is a very nice problem, when an unmitigated hard show signs of frost-bite before even the aria of 'Annie Laurie' could be rendered."

MONTREAL'S NEW SQUARE.

Site of Old Ship Fever Hospital Station Is Chosen.

Another square has just been completed by the road department of Montreal and next spring will be laid out in walks, with grass and trees planted. It blots out what has been an eyesore to the residents of McCord street and the locality for more than a quarter of a century.

The site during the ship fever days of 1847 was a hospital station for many of the brave sisters, priests, doctors and laymen, who fell in ministering to the wants of the stricken victims. Many of these noble spirits fell in the performance of a Christian duty. Among others, Mr. John E. Mills, who was at the time Mayor of Montreal, and who afterwards did his duty as first citizen and magistrate. Wellington and McCord streets were barricaded at this point, so that those attending the fever patients could not enter the city. Probably the venerable Canon O'Connell is the only survivor of the workers of those terrible days. There is a feeling among the citizens that it would be an appropriate act to name the new square after the heroic Mayor Mills.

The property was acquired by the city at the price of \$50,000 for a square, on the south side approach to the bridge, where is deposited the huge boulder to the victims of 1847.

Whale Catch Good.

The whale fisheries off the coast of Vancouver have been phenomenally successful this year. The total catch being half as much again as it was in 1907. The number of whales taken is 556, of an aggregate estimated value of more than \$1,000,000 (\$1,025,000). The Blue Funnel liner Bellepheron carried about 5,000 barrels of whale oil cargo to Glasgow, the largest single shipment ever made. A remarkable feature of this year's hunting is the number of sulphur bottoms that have been captured. At the Kyugot station more than one-third of the catch has been comprised of this species, which is the largest of the whale family in the Pacific, averaging from 70 to 80 feet in length and weighing anywhere from 70 to 85 tons. Each of these mammals is worth about \$5,000, a couple of years ago, when the whaling industry was started in these waters, the prophecy was hazarded by experts that the mammals would become extinct after a couple of seasons. Far from this proving the case, they have grown more numerous each year.

A Lavish Steward.

The owners of the barkentine Everett-G. Griggs, of Victoria, B.C., did not long retain the services of a new steward engaged for the vessel at San Francisco some time ago. When Simon Palmer, the newly employed of the six-masted barkentine was ordered by Capt. Delano to provision the vessel for a voyage of eight months, he gave the matter considerable study and finally ordered for the use of the crew the following: Four hundred and fifty barrels of beef, 300 barrels of pork, 100 quart bottles of wine, 100 pounds of pepper, 300 pounds of salt, 400 bags of potatoes and 100 pounds of salted almonds. The item of salted almonds, when it fell under the captain's eye, furnished the safety valve for an impending attack of apoplexy. The steward admitted that his knowledge of supplies was based largely upon an account of the supplies needed by the battleship fleet when it sailed from the Atlantic coast. The Griggs sailed with another steward and the magnificent order was cancelled.

Dreams of Children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Creamer, father and mother of the two children who disappeared so mysteriously from their home at Spence Settlement one Sunday several years ago, are now living at Roxbury, Mass. In a letter to her sister in Sackville, N.B., recently Mrs. Creamer says: "John has been dreaming of the children lately. He seems to think that we will hear of them. That will never be, I guess. They seem to be able to find everything but them."

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