

VERY DARING
TRAIN HOLD UP

One of Boldest Ever Known on Transcontinental Road Oc- curred Near Spokane

BY TWO MASKED HIGHWAYMEN

After Brief Encounter They Detached the Engine and Mail Car.

**Boarded Train at Rathdrum—Amount
Of Booty Obtained Unknown—
No One Was Injured**

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15.—One of the most daring hold-ups ever attempted on a transcontinental train befell Northern Pacific No. 3 almost within the city limits of Spokane after midnight last night. Two masked highwaymen stopped the train at Otis and boarded the engine. After a brief encounter with the engineer and fireman, the mail car, next to the engine, was detached and one of the highwaymen, taking charge of the engine, the party came on west to Trent, where the trainmen were dismissed by the robbers. The bandits then proceeded to within a mile of Yardley, where they proceeded to rob the mail car.

The baggage car and the express car were untouched and none of the passengers were molested.

As soon as word was received in Spokane a special train was made up consisting of a switch engine, and a coach, with several deputy sheriffs and special agents of the Northern Pacific was rushed to the scene.

Shortly afterward a complete posse headed by Sheriff Doak, who had not been notified in time to catch the first special started out to scour the country. It is not yet known how much booty they obtained.

Tricked by the quick wit of mail clerks, little plunder is believed to have been captured by the two masked men. When the robbers were confronted by the clerks, the latter, for their own safety, took advantage of the time after the train had been cut in two and threw the local registered packages into a newspaper sack where the contents were not noticed. So far as reported, the only booty stolen was the pouch of red wax and seal from Chicago, Spokane and one for Seattle made up along the road. Neither is known to have carried any packages of great value.

One suspect has been captured, having been found on top of the train after the robbery. He gives the name of Frank Snyder and may prove to be a plain tramp who was simply stealing a ride.

REPORT TO OFFICIALS.
St. Paul, Aug. 15.—Only a brief report was received at the office of Second Vice President Levy of the Northern Pacific today concerning the holdup of the westbound Northern Pacific.

passenger train east of Spokane, a 10:40 last night. The report says that the robbers boarded the train at Rathdrum and hid themselves about the engine. After the train had gone a short distance the engine crew discovered the men and attempted to pull the train back. The crew threw the men with guns and forced them to disconnect the engine and mail car from the rest of the train. The engineers were then compelled to run the engine and mail car a safe distance away from the train. After the train was clear the bandits proceeded to disconnect the mail car. The report does not say how much booty the robbers secured.

No one was injured.

FOUND DEAD.

Saloonkeeper's Wife Says He Was Shot, but by Whom?

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Anthony Thompson, a saloonkeeper at North Forty-second and West Chicago avenues, was found dead behind his bar last night with a bullet wound in his head. A revolver, belonging to him, was found lying near the body. His widow told the police that after the shot was fired she saw two men run from the front door. No one else saw the fleeing men.

According to the police, the saloonkeeper and his wife had had several quarrels recently.

Mrs. Thompson said that as soon as

she ran to the home of her brother, Daniel Furman, who lives two blocks from the saloon. They returned together and were standing in the doorway of the saloon when the police arrived. The cash drawer in the saloon had not been disturbed.

Furman was arrested, and Mrs. Thompson placed under guard at her home.

CASE OF BETRAYAL OF JAPANESE WAR SECRETS

Tokio, July 30.—A serious case of betrayal of war secrets has been brought to light at Hiroshima, the guilty party being supposed to be an officer. The staff of each army division which took part in the important bat-

which took part in the important battles in the Russo-Japanese war compiled a work giving all details of the operations, comprising the preparations and plans of the various actions, the tactics employed and the other details. Copies of these reports were supplied

Copies of these reports were supplied to the war office, general army staff officers and headquarters of various divisions, and they have been guarded very carefully, no one except the minister of war, commanders of army divisions and brigades, and staff officers having been allowed to inspect them.

One copy was kept at the headquarters of the fifth or Hiroshima army division, and it has been found that the section relating to the attack on Port Arthur, in which are detailed the plan of operations, the tactics adopted by the Japanese army, the loss of life and the

amount of money spent on the operations, etc., has been stolen. It was feared that those important documents had been sold to a foreign country, and the result of investigations has shown that such is the case.