

life, called upon the messenger to open, saying that the robbers would surely blow him up unless he gave in.

The messenger finally opened the door. One robber then covered the messenger, and the engineer and fireman with his rifle, while the other searched for the coin. He found four sacks, one containing \$200 in silver and small change, another filled with small silver and two bags of gold.

When the door was opened the engineer and fireman were ordered to jump into the car. The robbers followed them. Train No. 10 was close behind and the bandits knew that time was precious. The engineer and fireman were made to carry the booty to the engine and deposit where directed.

The robbers mounted the engine and rode off, leaving the engineer and fireman behind. They went down the road toward Sacramento and then they reversed the lever and sent it back to the stalled train.

Luckily the steam was low, and when the locomotive came in contact with the forward mail car but little damage was done.

Train No. 10, the Oregon express, came along and pushed the three detached sections of train No. 3 together and then into Sacramento, where they arrived at 12:30 this morning.

The news of the robbery produced the greatest excitement and the city is alive with men eager to assist in the search. Men are already scouring the country in every direction. It seems almost impossible that the robbers can escape, as the descriptions furnished of them are good and they must of necessity be either in or very close to this city.

As far as can be learned more than 300 pounds of coin were taken. If all silver, it would be about \$5,000; if all gold, about \$75,000. It is believed one sack weighing 100 pounds and carried by the engineer was gold, considering the smallness of the bulk compared to the weight. If so it is thought the sack contained about \$25,000.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 12.—The authorities of Kavak last Sunday attempted to board the French steamer Armenia from the Black Sea in search of Armenian emigrants. The commander of the steamer refused to allow the Turkish authorities to make the search. Whereupon the Armenia was detained thirty-six hours. The French embassy obtained the release of the steamship whose owners now demand an indemnity of 1,000 pounds sterling from the Turkish government.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 12.—With all sails set, laden with full cargo but with not a soul on board, a schooner ran away to sea during the severe storm which has been raging along the coast for the past two days, eluded pursuit by another vessel all day and disappeared in the gloom at night fall, still plowing an independent course, under full headway, without any guiding hand at the tiller or any human agency to control her movements.

Somewhere out on the Atlantic the truant vessel is probably sailing along merrily yet, with all her canvasspread, a rich prize for the lucky skipper who may overhaul her, and a promising subject for the fanciful pen of some future Clark Russell.

The runaway is the schooner Lord

Elden, whose commanding officer before she took to navigating on her own account, was Captain Harley. He started from here for Guysborough on the vessel with a full crew. When the Lord Eden was off Canso, Tuesday, a strong gale was blowing and a nasty sea surging. The Canso neighborhood is a dangerous one for sailing crafts, under even more favorable conditions, hidden rocks abounding.

On one of these the Elden was driven. The weather was thickening every minute and as the vessel was hard and fast upon the rock, as it seemed, Capt. Harley deemed it prudent to seek a place of greater safety for himself and crew and they put off hurriedly, leaving the Elden with all sails set. Not long after their departure, the wind shifted and under the freshening breeze, the vessel was twisted off her resting place. She evidently had not, as her captain had feared, received serious damage below the water line. She at once turned her back eastward and began to slash along at a racing gait.

The schooner Diamond gave chase. Mile after mile the race was kept up, with the crewless Elden always in the lead. Once the Diamond drew near enough for her men to have boarded the runaway, but the sea was so high that the Diamond's boat was smashed in getting it over the side. Still the chase was continued in the hope that the sea would subside, and enable the Diamond to come alongside. This hope was not realized and darkness came on. The Elden disappeared. When last seen she was headed out in the Atlantic.

KOKOMO, Ind., Oct. 12.—Robert Marquis, 71 years of age and a helpless paralytic, asked his little grandson last night to hand a sauce cup, which the child supposed contained tea, but which in reality contained arsenic. The child placed the vessel to the lips of his grandfather, who was a moment afterwards in the throes of death. He had caused the drug to be prepared, pretending that he wanted it as a deodorizer, but with the fixed purpose of committing suicide. He was one of the largest land owners in this part of the country.

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—A special dispatch from Washington says: The United States has been invited by the quadruple alliance composed of Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, to join it in a friendly intervention in the war between China and Japan.

The invitation will be declined. The declination is based on the honored policy of this government to avoid any entangling alliance with foreign powers.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 13.—A party of prospectors a short time ago discovered a series of caverns in the rocky sides of Cajon Peak, a spur of the Cuyamaca range, the extent of which they were unable to ascertain, having no lights with them. Subsequently a party was organized for the purpose of exploring the caves, which were found to rival the mammoth cave of Kentucky in interesting features as well as in the size of its chambers. There are several external openings from each of which a vertical ascent is made into a chamber with several laterals extending to other chambers,

some of gigantic size. The roofs and floors are brilliant with stalactites and stalagmites, and although the investigations were cursory it is apparent that a wonderful discovery has been made. Other passages leading in various directions into the heart of the mountain were traversed for considerable distances and several mineral springs of strong saline qualities were found.

Steps are being taken to secure title to the land of which the entrances were found, which is still vested in the government. A company will be organized to thoroughly explore the caverns, which are said to be of immense extent, and lay the wonders of the mountain open to the public.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Oct. 13.—The earth near the little town of Homeek, twenty miles from this city, is burning and an area of 320 acres is covered with from six inches to six feet of ashes. Five years ago this land was the bed of a swamp. It has been drained, part of it has been under cultivation, while the rest has been used for hayland. The fire was first seen in June and heavy rains since then have failed to extinguish it. At times the fire appears to have gone out, but an investigation shows it to be burning beneath the surface at red heat. At other times the fire gives forth great clouds of smoke. An area of about 2,000 acres are threatened.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Seven men composed the gang that held up a north bound express train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad at Quantico last night. Their demand for the way bill, when the express messenger declared the safe was empty, and the caution they gave the fireman about disconnecting the air brake tubes when he uncoupled the engine on their demand, show that some men in the gang had been railroad hands; besides after the engine was uncoupled it was boarded by the robbers and run by them to a point near Widewater station, a short distance from the scene of the hold-up, where they abandoned it and sent it ahead running wild.

Express Messenger Crutchfield thinks the booty secured was \$150,000 or more.

He gave this account of the robbery: But one robber entered the car. He was heavy built and dressed like a farmer, although he seemed thoroughly to understand the express business. He had a red handkerchief over the lower part of his face. When the train was stopped, I opened the door of my car. The robber fired at the men. I fired back and closed the door. He called "Open the door!" I did not do it. "Open that door or I'll blow the whole car to pieces with dynamite," he yelled. Then he threw a stick of dynamite. It struck the door and shattered it badly and knocked me off my feet. I then opened the door. One robber came in and made me open the safe. He took everything there was, except one package which he must have thought contained only papers, for he threw it into the box. It contained \$6,000.

Then he said: "Open that other safe."

"It is simply a deadhead safe," I said.

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