ROBBERS CAPTURED

Six Men Hold Up Car and Are Cought.

TROLLEY IS THROWN OFF

Conductor Removes Trolley Pole From Wire and Plunges Car in Darkness—Terrible Fight Ensues—Police Arrive and Holdups go to Jail.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Holding up a crowded Ashland avenue electric car at Thirty-sixth street last night, six armed men fired a score of shots through the windows and roof and were engaged in robbing the passengers including several women and children when the trolley pole was removed from the wire by the conductor and the bandits weer left struggling in the darkness.

After a battle in which the invaders weer pitted against the men passengers and the crew and in which several persons were trampled upon in the frantic rush that was made for the exits, a wagon load of policemen arrived and five of the robbers were captured.

The prisoners gave the names of Edward Lenahan, Edward Higgins, C. Murphy, William Starr, and Michael Houlihan. They were all severely bruised and scratched.

Two men boarded the car at Thirty-sixth street. They leaped to the front platform and holding revolvers at the head of the motorman, James Callahan, they forced him to stop the car. Four accomplices then got on the rear platform and while one of them covered James Link, the conductor, with his weapon, three men entered the car. "Everybody hold up your hands! We want your money and will shoot the first man who tries to stop us," said the leader of the band.

Evidently hoping to thoroughly frighten their intended victims before risking the wholesale robbery, the trio fired repeatedly through the windows and the roof. Several women fainted and children cried in terror. When the uproar and confusion were at their height, the conductor, striking away the arm of the man who threatened his life, pulled the trolley rope, and the interior of the car instantly was plunged in darkness.

Callahan, the motorman, gave battle to the two men on the front platform. He struck one of the robbers a blow in the face, staggering him. He followed up his advantage by lifting the controller handle and bringing it down upon the bandit's head. The injured man fell to the street, but arose and fled. His companion went into the car to the aid of the three men who were engaged in a hand to hand fight.

A passenger who escaped from the car informed the police who came in a patrol wagon, entered the car and drove the robbers from it at the point of their revolvers. The bandits exchanged shots with the policemen but were overpowered.

WANTS IMPARTIAL BOARD.

Father of Midshipman, Accused of Hazing, Petitions for Fair Hearing.

New York, Dec. 26.—Dr. George W. Vanderver, of Mount Holly, N. J., father of Midshipman W. Vanderver, whose dismissal from the Naval Academy has ben advised by Admiral Sands on the charge of having concealed knowledge of hazing, said yesterday that he would today ask Governor Stolls, Senator Dryden, and Congressman Gardner "To intervene for justice in the selection of an impartial board which is to conduct the courtmartial this week. I understand the board is to be composed of three at large, three from the Academy and from which place the judge advocate is to come." He added: "If this is true I think it is catering to the powers that be at Annapolis in order to bolster up Admiral sands' report to Secretary Bonaparte."

Dr. Vanderver has received a letter from his son, who says:

"In a military academy, where conscientious principles and truthfulness stand for nothing, I am ready to leave the institution, but you know, papa, how devoted my life is to this work."

CHORUS GIRLS STRIKE.

Demand Higher Wages and Recognition of Union.

New York, Dec. 26.—"Chorusless" Grand Opera may be seen and heard at the Metropolitan Opera House within the next few days as the result of threatened strike of the chorus singers.

Determined not to yield to the demands of the malcontents, Heinrich Conreid, the director, has selected five operas which, with slight modification, he says, can be rendered without a chorus and in case of emergency the opera house management is prepared to substitute these for the regular schedule. Mr Conreid also advertised for volunteers to join the chorus.

Last night the situation was acute, and there was said to be a strong possibility that when the opera company went to Philadelphia this afternoon the strike might be inaugurated by the chorus refusing to board the special train. It is also possible that ballet, orchestra, and stage hands of the Metropolitan Opera House may declare a sympathetic strike. There are 130 persons in the opera house chorus. So far as could be learned last night every man and woman of them is prepared to go out when their leaders give the word. They demand higher wages and recognition of their union.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Two Women Nearly Asphyxiated By Leaking Gas.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Miss Labling and her friend, Miss Lande, who reside at 639 Minna street, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation on Christmas eve. Through a faulty condition of the gas fixture in their room the gas escaped in sufficient quantity while the girls slept for a period of nine hours to render them unconscious. Attracted by the smell of gas Miss Labling's brother discovered the condition of the girls in time to prevent a fatal effect, and they eventually recoveed consciousness under medical treatment.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church of Harpersville, N. Y., will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of Throat and Lungs. At Chas. Rogers druggist; price 50c and $1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Of Interest to Clergy.

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., having been granted membership in the Trans-Continental Clergy Bureau, the name of that company will appear in the clergy application blanks and clergy certificates issued by the bureau for 1906, and commencing January 1st, of the coming year. These permits will be honored by all agents of the A. & C. R. R., thus eliminating the individual half-fare permits issued by that company in former years. Requests for official application blanks should be made to J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent, Astoria.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by Charles Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

Trousers a Passing Fashion.

It may not be known that the familiar soutane or cassock of a Catholic priest was the garment habitually worn by all gentlemen up to comparatively recent times, though it was not always necessarily black. There is a portrait of Dante wearing one of instep length, made on an unmistakable "sun ray" pattern. And long gowns were not confined to gentlemen. The habit of a Franciscan friar was the garment worn by the shepherds of Umbria in St. Francis' time and probably for centuries before and after it.

There is evidence enough of this in our own times, if one travels outside the narrow limits of western civilization. The man or woman who goes east will see skirted men everywhere—Arabs, Cashmeries, Punjabies, Burmans, Chinese, Japanese, Malays, to mention only a few. The present bifurcate system of western Europe, though it seems to the untraveled eye as fixed and unalterable as the pyramids, is but a passing fashion in the history of male attire.—Grand Magazine.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is simply liquid electricity. It goes to every part of your body, bringing new blood, strength and new vigor. It makes you well and keeps you well. 35 cents. Sold by Frank Hart.

STRIKE CONTINUES

Revolutionary Leaders Satisfied With Strikers Progress.

THE FIGHTING IS GENERAL

Member of Revolutionary Executive Committee Says That the Strikers in St. Petersburg Are Preparing for Fierce Struggle—Many Clashes.

New York, Dec. 26.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald cables the following under yesterday's date:

A member of the executive committee said today:

"In spite of the outward appearance of delay, we are thoroughly satisfied with the progress of the strike. In the outskirts of St. Petersburg all is in order. The strike is now gradually working inward.

"Tramway men receive their wages today; tomorrow they will strike.

"On the Little Prospect last night 400 of our armed men were out. The police surrounded our leader, M. Vassali, pointing revolvers at his head. We dropped twenty of them.

"Further, a demonstration of 300 soldiers in our favor took place. The Cossacks tackled them with the result that sixty-four were wounded.

"In the Navia and Viborg districts demonstrations took place in which soldiers played a prominent part.

"Our entire armed force tonight is ready for emergencies. Today we passed resolutions to resort to extremes.

"All the Caucasian army is in a state of mutiny. As Governor-General Vorontzoff-Dashkoff was guilty of sending out 'Holligans' it has been resolved to capture him.

"Our delay in St. Petersburg is due to the arrest of the executive committee. Difficulties have been placd in the way of our meting. As there are some 200 members of our executive committee we met simultanously in six different places.

"At Tsarskoe-Selo a ten-hour council was held Sunday. The Prime Minister never mentioned a word of the strike. That was referred to a military council. It was decided in reference to the Douma that a vote be given to all paying rent or taxes.

QUEER PROBLEMS OF LAW.

Cases With Which English Judges and Lawyers Have Struggled.

Hundreds of years of test cases have not yet elucidated all the possible points of difficulty in the English law.

Here is a remarkable problem with which the Blackburn lawyers have just been confronted: An English gentleman had twin sons who were born within a few minutes of each other. He made a will that his property in Australia should go to whichever of the two sons arrived at the age of twenty one first.

The younger of the two emigrated to Australia, while the other one remained in England, and the former was still in the antipodes at the time of his coming of age. Now, Australian time is some hours in advance of Greenwich, and therefore the young man out there was twenty-one before his elder brother at home. Which of these two brothers is legally entitled to the property? The question has not yet been decided, and in the meantime readers may exercise their own acumen upon it.

Are eggs eggs, or are only hens' eggs eggs? This may seem a ridiculous question, but nice shades of meaning are involved, and a case which turned upon it went through two or three courts of law. A lady sent an order for a dozen eggs to a dairyman, and he sent her ducks' eggs. She sent them back as not being what she ordered, but he refused to take them. She, in turn, declined to keep them, and, some time elapsing between their journeys from the house to the shop, the eggs went bad, and eventually the shopkeeper sued the lady for 1s. 6d., their value.

The county court judge ordered her to pay, declaring that ducks' eggs were as much eggs as any others. But the lady appealed, and king's bench reversed the decision on the ground that when a party ordered eggs hens' eggs were meant, and if any other contention were admitted any kind of eggs might be sent, such as pigeons', canaries' or even rattlesnakes'. Ducks' eggs, it was decided, were not eggs in the ordinary meaning of the term.

Are the grandchildren of a man also his children? In the legal sense this question is not so absurd as it looks, and some time ago it was most seriously and laboriously contended in the courts that according to act of parliament they were.

The particular act in question, passed in the reign of the late Queen Victoria, laid it down that "the father and the grandfather, the mother and the grandmother and the children of any poor person, being of sufficient ability, shall relieve and maintain any such poor person."

The argument was that, according to the context, grandchildren were to be reckoned as children for this purpose, just as grandparents were reckoned as parents. On the other side it was argued that if grandchildren were children then great-grandchildren were children also and that a man might in this way be called upon to support his father and mother, his four grandparents, his eight great-grandparents and as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as he might be lucky or unlucky enough to possess.

Is skimmed milk milk? A man asked for a glass of milk to drink and was given skimmed milk, and the purveyor was fined for it. But in a higher court the decision was reversed, it being contended at the time that skimmed milk was really much more milk than milk that was not skimmed, since the latter contained something that was not milk at all—that is, cream.—London Tit-Bits.

Literary Coincidences.

How strange are literary coincidences occasionally is illustrated in the case of Thackeray and Dumas. Thackeray says: "I came near writing a book on the same subject, 'Les Trois Mousquetaires,' and taking M. d'Artagnan for my hero. D'Artagnan was a real character of the age of Louis XIV. and wrote his own memoirs. I remember picking up a dingy copy of them on an old bookstall in London, price sixpence, and intended to make something of it. But Dumas got ahead of me. He snaps up everything." A coincidence quite as remarkable occurred with Sir Conan Doyle for central figure. He learned while spending a holiday in a mountain inn in Switzerland that during the winter months for some reason two men remained in occupation. For four or five months they were isolated from the rest of the world. Suppose one of them went mad or committed suicide or— The possibilities were endless. He forthwith determined to embody the idea in a story. On his way home he happened to pick up a book of tales by Maupassant. There in it, under the title, "L'Auberge," he found himself forestalled in every particular.

A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Charles Rogers, druggist.