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THREE DEAD ROBBERS

Attempt to Hold Up a Train Frustrated.

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Robbery Had Been Planned for March 11th—High Waters Necessitated a Postponement.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 27.—At tunnel No. 9, near Somerset, Ky., about 2:50 this morning, five robbers boarded an express-car on the Cincinnati Southern road. A fight ensued between them and the trainmen. Two robbers were killed and one captured. The other two escaped to the woods. No trainmen were hurt.

GREENWOOD, Ky., March 27.—A most daring but unsuccessful attempt at train-robbery occurred at 2:30 a. m. today in the southern part of Kentucky, when six men undertook to rob south-bound train No. 3, of the Queen & Crescent. One of the six was killed outright, one died at 4 o'clock this morning, and the third, giving the name of Miller, lies here severely wounded. The other three escaped. The train reached Chattanooga today on time. The reason for this summary disposal of train-robbers is found in the fact that some tidings of their purpose had been given to railroad or express authorities, and T. R. Griffin, superintendent of police on the Southern road, had with him on the train two trusty assassins. The train had just reached the south end of tunnel No. 9, a mile north of Greenwood, when the robbers signaled it to stop. They had scarcely disclosed their purpose until Griffin and his assassins began offensive operations. In ten minutes three robbers had bitten dust, the other three had flown, and the train was speeding on its way.

CHATTANOOGA, March 27.—Engineer Tom Springfield, of the train held up

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by the robbers at the tunnel, ten miles south of Somerset, Ky., early today, says the train was flagged by a man standing on the track. When he stopped the train, the man climbed into the cab, pointed a pistol at the engineer, "Stand here till I tell you to go on." Shooting began and the robber left the cab, ordering the engineer to go ahead. "After the fellow told me to go ahead," said the engineer, "we had gone but a short distance when Rankin found a wounded man on the tender. We stopped at Cumberland Falls, four miles from the tunnel, and put him off, leaving him in the telegraph office. He was badly shot in the arm and said he was a tramp stealing a ride, and was not with the train robbers, but we did not believe it."

A telegram from Cumberland Falls says the third man taken from the engine has since died. The robbery was planned for March 11th, but as the creek was out of its banks the men were afraid they would be caught, and postponed it.

Senator Mitchell's Amendment.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The amendment of Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, inserted in the sundry civil bill, may lead to some interesting results and also cause further international complications, similar to those over Behring sea, as a part of the appropriation for protecting salmon fisheries in Alaska. There is a provision by which the secretary of the treasury is authorized to send an inspector to investigate and report upon taxing and destruction of the eggs of wild fowls and the alleged wanton destruction of game birds, deer, fox and other animals in Alaska. A report is also asked as to what method should be taken to prevent such destruction in future. It appears the Canadian poachers, not content with the destruction of seals, is playing havoc in the wilds of Alaska, where game birds make nests in the summer and rear their young. These eggs have been found valuable in the manufacture of certain articles, and are taken by thousands. While poachers are at work they kill everything that comes along. There has been a percep-

tible falling off in the number of game birds on the Pacific coast, and an investigation of the causes led to the discovery of this new form of poaching. It is believed by Senator Mitchell that an official report on what the people of the Pacific coast have discovered will lead to legislation to prevent further poaching.

A Great Battle at Ensisio.

COLON, Colombia, March 27.—A great battle was fought at Ensisio, March 15, between the government forces, under General Reyes and the rebels. The latter was defeated after a struggle of 10 hours, although 1500 government troops died while on the march. The rebels, who numbered 2500, were routed, and the town captured. The government forces lost 700, and the rebels 1200. Two thousand rebels surrendered. The steamship Allianca, of the Colombia line, from New York, March 20, arrived here after passing over the usual course. She was not molested.

England's Ultimatum.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—It is claimed by those who are in position to know that there is a misconception of the text of England's ultimatum to Nicaragua. The words said to be contained therein, that "not a citizen of any American republic" shall be selected as the third member of an arbitration committee to which differences between England and Nicaragua be submitted it is now stated are meant to apply only to the small republics of Central and South America. It was these republics that Great Britain desired to exclude from having a casting vote between the Nicaraguan representative and the commissioner chosen by Great Britain. It is explained the English foreign office never classifies this great government and people with the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking South and Central American governments. Well-informed diplomats say they do not expect any complications will arise from the course Great Britain will pursue to enforce settlement of her claim for \$75,000 "smart money." It is not believed resort will be had to the extreme measure of threatening to bombard Greytown. If Nicaragua proves her inability to pay at once it is believed the claim will, with other matters, be submitted to arbitration.

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