



OUR STORY.

WAT-BILLED AS A CORPSE.

"During the winter of 1886," said an old express messenger, with a shock of black hair, "I was in the Wells-Fargo service between Kansas City and San Francisco. The run was made upon the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railways, that join at Denning. On Christmas Eve, bearing eastward, with the journey so far done from 'Frisco, the train drew out of Yuma facing the Arizona desert in the midst of an astonishing storm of sleet and rain. Yuma marks the California line, and there, as we took on the stage company's strong box, I counted on the last disturbance of the night. Until day-break the journey lay through the alkali stretches, where at every 100 miles the train rushed shrieking through a poor, uncommercial cluster of huts and huts long enough for the locomotive to take on water.

"Unscheduled stops, however, were not infrequent at that time, and there hung within the car a rack of repeating carbines, charged and primed.

"In taking account of the Yuma strong-box, weighing nearly two hundred pounds and 'vouched' to contain \$50,000 in gold, I glanced at the carbines. I looked again when I remembered that the safe contained as much more.

"Joachim Murilla burned me out of the car for less than half that and gave me the bullet that lamed my back," said the messenger with a smile. "I had hardly a dollar in the car the night I stood off the rustlers at Dodge City. I reflected, what will the company expect now with \$100,000 on my shoulders?

"I asserted expressage, listed bills and overhauled the carbines as the train flew and the storm beat. I knew the route so well that I could call the towns and tanks as the engine whistled or stopped.

"To-day, I thought, as at midnight the hoarse whistle began to sound. 'We'll pass her with a howdy.' No, by George! we're going to stop! 'I opened the door enough to see a lantern swaying at a small station and a little group on the platform surrounding a box and evidently preparing to put it on board.

"'Tumble it in, quick,' I said. 'A little slow partner,' replied a man on the platform. 'It's a coffin!'

"A moment later I was alone with the corpse in a prison as secure as a tomb, while the wheels roared beneath and the storm raved outside.

"Somehow I was nervous and could not keep my eyes off the coffin. I fancied that it moved and was slowly rising up on end, or that it was preparing an onslaught; then that it was about to disclose the dead.

"The last of these notions—that the occupant of the coffin might liberate herself—got hold of me and I couldn't shake it off. The box was of unusual size and exceptionally ill-made. The wood was rough, warped, and filled with knots and knot holes. All this might have easily been due to the limited facilities of a desert town. I don't know why, but I couldn't resist turning it over, face downward. It seemed to me to roll horribly.

"Then I imagined I heard a noise at the car-door, and at the same moment a movement in the coffin. I knew it was foolish, but I rolled the stage company's strong-box with its 200 pounds of gold to the coffin, and set it upon the lid towards the larger end.

"Then I lighted my pipe. I noticed afterwards, though I didn't think of it at the time, that most of the knot-holes towards the head of the coffin were covered and sealed by the flat iron bottom of the strong box.

"Several minutes passed and the engine had blown its view-halos" at a wayside cattle town when suddenly sounds began to issue from the box. There was no doubting it this time. There was a scuffling, a growling, a kicking against the sides.

"To say that I was horrified doesn't express it. The struggle in the box continued. I staggered to the gun rack, tore down a carbine, cocked, aimed and fired it through the box ten feet away.

"Muffled shrieks now mingled with the thumping and thrashing in the box. I fired again. The shrieks were redoubled. I became frantic and shrieked like a lunatic myself, while I fired again and again at the box until the magazine was exhausted and then I rushed to get another.

"But the pine box was split and torn; the iron box was slowly crushing it down; through gaps in the wood blood was streaming and no sounds whatever issued from the coffin.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

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