

SLIDER'S ARREST.

How a Wealthy Banker Was Ingeniously Swindled.

Billy Haven was no ordinary burglar. His theory was that if a man wished to make a success of his profession, he needed to use his brain rather than his muscle.

At last these neat burglaries ceased and there were no traces of Billy for years. It is possible that the authorities would never have known any particulars about Billy's career if it had not been that a convict dying in one of the prisons told about Billy's last and successful coup, which enabled Haven and his gang to retire into respectable but monotonous private life.

Billy, it seems, had long looked with hungering eyes on a large mansion that stood in a lonely part of a lonely suburb. It was entirely surrounded by a high brick wall, and Billy felt that if he and his mates ever got inside that mansion they could work in uninterrupted security.

Inquiry showed Billy that it was the residence of Mr. Slider, the well-known banker, a man intimately connected with numerous prosperous companies, and a man of great reputed wealth. The name of Slider was a power in the city. Billy's investigations led him to the knowledge that Mr. Slider was a most careful man, who had arranged every electrical appliance then known for the discovery of a burglar.

Billy's plans, when matured, were very simple. He obtained the costume of a police inspector for himself and the clothes of an ordinary policeman for each of his four pals. He got, likewise, a very good imitation of a warrant of arrest, made out in the name of Mr. Slider. Billy was the man of brains in the gang, and the other four, realizing this, did exactly as he told them. They were in a perfect state of discipline and had the utmost confidence in Billy's ingenuity.

The plan was this: They were to obtain entrance into the house at about nine o'clock in the evening, in perfect legal form; the inspector was to arrest Mr. Slider, who might, of course, be indignant, but the conspirators expected that the respect a banker has for the forms of law at least insured submission under protest; and while the inspector stood guard over the arrested man, two of the alleged policemen were to be posted so that no one could leave the house, even if Mr. Slider wanted to send a messenger away, which was not likely, because of his certainty that this was a mistake which could easily be cleared up. The other two alleged policemen could then search the house under the protection of a bogus search warrant, and quietly secrete all the valuables and money they could lay their hands on.

The inspector then intended to tell Mr. Slider that, because of his protests, he would not take him to jail, but that he must understand that he was under arrest, and that he might have to report to the head officer when called upon to do so.

This plan worked admirably up to a certain point, when Billy and his pals were treated to a stupefying surprise. The man at the porter's lodge tremblingly admitted the officers of the law into the grounds. He was then ordered to lock the gates, which he did, and one of the officers took the key and remained in the porter's lodge with the man and his wife, who were certainly very much frightened. Another policeman was left to guard the entrance to the house, while the bogus inspector and the remaining policemen rang at the front door. The person who admitted them was also terrified at the sight of their uniforms.

Billy asked if Mr. Slider was at home, and was informed that he was in the drawing-room. He then asked that he and the officers might be shown there without being announced.

Mr. Slider was sitting in an easy chair surrounded by his family. He turned his head round, and when the door opened without the customary knock, and when he saw the uniform of the inspector a ghastly pallor came over his face. Before the inspector could speak, he held out his hand and said: "One moment, please." Then turning to his wife, he remarked to her in a low voice: "Take the children to your own room and stay there till I come. I have some business with this gentleman. Don't be alarmed. Everything is all right. I had an appointment with him, but forgot to mention it to you."

The pale woman and her frightened children withdrew, and Slider stood alone confronting Billy and his two "pals."

"Quite so; quite so," said Slider, huskily. "I appreciate all that."

"I have also a search warrant here; and, while I stay with you, my men must have a look over the premises. Do you wish me to read the warrants to you?"

"It is not at all necessary," said Slider, in an agitated voice. "I have no doubt they are quite correct. As for searching, I have no power to prevent that; but, before you begin, I would like to make a proposal to you, inspector. You look like a shrewd man. How many policemen have you with you?"

"I have four," answered Billy.

"There are five of you altogether, then?"

"Exactly."

"Now, inspector, I am a man of business, and, as you know, a man of great wealth. I would like to have a few words with you in private. Would you kindly ask these officers to step out of the room for a moment?"

"That is hardly regular," objected the inspector.

"I know, I know," answered the banker, hurriedly; "but I think I can make it worth your while to do what I ask."

"Rogers," said the inspector to the policeman beside him, "you and Benham just step out for a moment into the hall and come at once if you hear me call."

Rogers and Benham saluted and withdrew without a word. When the door was closed Billy stood with his back against it and Slider remained standing near the fire.

"If it had happened," said Slider, "not to have been at home when you came, what would you have done?"

"I presume," answered the inspector, "I would have tried to find out where you were without arousing suspicion, and if that could not be done I would have had to come some other time."

"Precisely. Now, what will you take in gold to go back to the station and report that you have not been able to find me?"

"That would be a dangerous business," said Billy, quite honestly.

"I can make it worth your while to run the risk," said Slider. "Give me a start of twenty-four hours and that is all I ask. Now, how much?"

Billy hesitated and pondered for a moment. "What do you say," he said at last, "to five thousand for me and three thousand apiece for each of the men?"

"That would be seventeen thousand in all," said the banker.

"Well," said Billy, "suppose we make it twenty thousand as a lump sum; or rather, as you wish twenty-four hours, I think, as time is valuable in a case like this, a thousand an hour would not be exorbitant. If you say twenty-four thousand in gold, it's a go."

"That is a large amount," said the banker.

"Oh, very well then," replied Billy. "We have only to do our duty. You are not absent; you are here. The amount is large, as you say, but you must remember that the risk is tremendous."

"Yes, I admit that," said the banker, with a sigh; "but you said you would take twenty thousand or even seventeen thousand a moment ago."

"There are four men to square, besides myself," answered the inspector, "and if one of them objected of course the game would be up. I shall not take the risk even of mentioning it to them for anything less than twenty-four, and if I think any longer about it I shall raise the price to thirty."

"I agree to the twenty-four thousand pounds," said the banker, hastily. "Can you make sure of your men—of their silence?"

"Reasonably sure," answered Billy. "The only question is, can we have the money in gold here and now?"

"I am not sure that I can give you all that amount in gold, but I think I can." He consulted a pocketbook he had with him and added some figures together. "Yes," he said, "I can do it."

"Very well," said Billy, "it is a bargain."

Billy called his pals, and together they accompanied the banker to another room that contained a large safe, which Slider opened. He took out several bags, and taking down a pair of scales from the top of the safe, said: "You may weigh this, and you will find it correct. There are five bags here and they each contain five thousand pounds."

"Open all of the bags," said Billy, cautiously. The banker did so, and Billy ran a handful of gold from each of them through his fingers and found everything correct.

"How much does a thousand weigh?" he asked the banker, and, on receiving his answer, placed one of the bags in the scales.

"It is a pity to break bulk," said Billy. "I think we will call it \$25,000."

"Very well," answered the banker. "Suppose you call your men in. I wish to be sure that you will keep your part of the compact."

The four men were speedily inside the room, and their eyes opened as they saw the glitter of the gold. The inspector briefly detailed to them the points of the bargain, while the banker looked from man to man and listened anxiously.

"You agree to this?" said Billy, and each of the men nodded.

"You will have no further trouble from us, Mr. Slider," said Billy Haven, politely, "at least for twenty-four hours."

The banker drew a deep breath of relief as each man took a bag of gold and quietly departed.

A few days after the papers were filled with the startling announcement that Mr. Slider, the well-known banker, had absconded, and that an enormous amount of money was missing. Investigation of the books showed that he had been preparing for flight for over a year, and rumor has it that he is now living somewhere in South America. But that is one of the things about which nobody knows anything definite.—Robert Barr, in Detroit Free Press.

WIPPED IN THE RUD.

Trouble Among the Navajos Averted by the Timely Arrival of Troops.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 17.—What threatened to be serious trouble among the Navajos has been nipped in the bud by the prompt arrival of the troops from Fort Wingate last night at Houcks Tank, A. T.

Two Atlantic and Pacific railroad detectives shot a Navajo Indian who resisted arrest on the charge of throwing a switch. The detectives were surrounded by a band of angry Navajos and sought refuge in the store of J. W. Bennett at Houcks Tank.

Bennett volunteered to take a message from the store to the railroad telegraph office asking aid and was seriously shot in the head while attempting to do so.

The Indians held the detectives prisoners within the store until the arrival of the troops on a special train.

THE OUTLOOK GLOOMY.

Thousands of Iron Workers Are Out of Employment.

The Non-Agreement of the Amalgamated Association and the Manufacturers Makes the Situation Very Critical.

PITTSBURGH, July 19.—The failure of the Amalgamated Association and manufacturers' conference to reach a settlement of the wage scale and the ending of all conferences has rendered the situation more than critical. As a result of the disagreement union mills, or at least those that paid union rates in the past, will continue closed or resume operations on a non-union basis.

It is stated that it is not probable that any of the manufacturers will attempt to start their works for at least four and probably six weeks. In the meantime thousands of iron workers will be forced to seek employment elsewhere or remain idle.

The Amalgamated Association will now have its modified scale printed and present it to individual firms for signature.

President Garland said this morning: "The situation does not now assume the aspect of a strike and will not until the mill owners order a resumption on terms of their own making. We do not anticipate that this will be done and believe that the manufacturers will sign our scale as soon as they are ready to resume."

The financial situation together with small collections has had much to do with the failure to reach a settlement at present.

MANY KILLED AND HURT.

A Crowded Street Car in Chicago Run Down by a Train.

CHICAGO, July 18.—An incoming passenger train on the Grand Trunk road ran down a crowded street car late last night, killing four people and injuring a number of others.

The dead are: CHARLES PERKINS, JOHN DILLON, TWO UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN.

The injured are: Wm. Buhlman, left leg broken and internally injured; will die. Mrs. James Sanderson, head and body bruised.

J. C. Smith, internally injured and skull fractured; may die. Mrs. Celia Mitchell, bruised about the body.

Mrs. S. A. Laor, bruised about the head and body. Mrs. Vandenberg, head and body bruised. Frank Vandenberg, her 3-year-old son, head cut and body bruised. Jennie Blakely, head and shoulders cut.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF GOLD.

The Former Exceeded the Latter by \$87,506,463 for the Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics in his statement of the exports and imports of gold and silver reports that the exports of gold from the United States during the twelve months ended June 30, 1898, amounted to \$108,680,844, and the imports to \$21,174,381; excess of exports \$87,506,463.

During the corresponding period of the preceding year the exports were \$50,195,327, and the imports \$40,689,454; excess of exports \$9,505,873.

M. B. Leavitt's Wife Sues for a Divorce.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Hattie Leavitt has begun suit in the Superior court for a limited divorce from Michael B. Leavitt, the theatrical manager, and yesterday she secured an order from Judge Gildersleeve requiring her husband to show cause on Monday next why he should not pay alimony and counsel fees to her pending the trial of the suit.

Trunk Line Association.

NEW YORK, July 19.—The subject of the rates to the World's Fair were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the General Passenger Agents Association in this city, and without arriving at any result, the meeting adjourned until Tuesday next.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Money on call easy at 5 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 1/2 per cent. The Clearing House statement was: Receipts \$71,253,803. Balances \$3,969,549. The sub-treasury was debtor at the Clearing House \$21,454.

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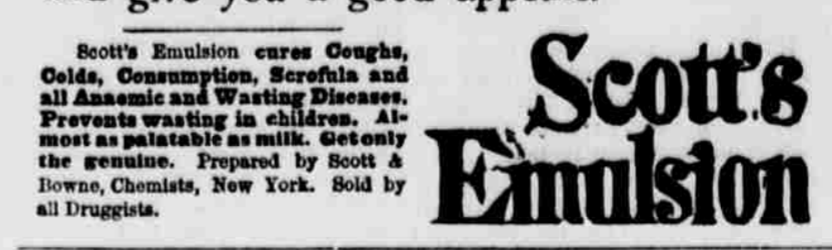
New York Produce Markets. NEW YORK, July 18.—WHEAT—Active. July 71. Aug. 71 1/2. CORN—Dull. Aug. 48 1/2. Sept. 49 1/2. OATS—Dull, weak. July 39 1/2. Aug. 39 1/2. State 38 1/2. BEEF—Quiet, steady—Extra mess \$7.50 a 100 family \$16.00 a 100. Pork—Quiet, easy—New mess \$18.50. Old mess \$19.50. LARD—Quiet, steady. Steam rendered 52 1/2.

Butter—Creamery, State and Penn. 21 a 21 1/2. Creamery, Western firsts. 20 a 21. Creamery, Western seconds. 18 a 19 1/2. Cheese—State factory, full cream, fancy. 8 1/2. State factory, full cream, choice. 8 1/2. State factory, common to fair. 7 1/2 a 8. Eggs—State and Penn., new laid, choice. 16 a 17. Western, new laid, prime. 15 a 16. Southern, new laid, fair to good. 14 1/2 a 15.

Chicago Markets. Wheat July 63 1/2. Sept. 65 1/2. Corn July 30 1/2. Sept. 30 1/2. Oats July 28 1/2. Sept. 28 1/2. Pork, Sept. \$19.50. Lard, July \$9.77 1/2. Sept. \$9.85.

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