

Being an Account of the Capture and Conviction of the Band of Counterfeiters Operating in Wisconsin in 1878.

By CAPTAIN PATRICK D. TYRRELL

[Copyright, 1905, by Marion G. Scheitlin.] Frank W. Oakley, United States marshal at Madison, was told of my plan and his services and those of two ct his most competent deputies were secured. Warrants were taken out secretly at Madison. Marshal Oakley said he had frequently heard of Kale Ellis, and that from all he had heard he was a dangerous man to handle. I also sent to Chicago for John McDonald and C. D. Townsend, the latter a secret serv ice operative. The five men were instructed to come to Boscobel on the same day, and to register at the hotel without letting it be known that they knew me or knew one another.

It was about 11 o'clock at night when I smuggled them into my room, where I outlined my plan to them. I did not deem it consistent to send any other man into probable danger of which I myself was afraid, so I planned to take the lead in the actual entry of the house. One of the others was to be stationed about 16 feet from each cor-ner of the house in such a way that each could command a view of two sides of the building. I calculated that Ellis and Brown might leap from the second-story windows in front when they heard me ascending the stairs. To the men stationed in front I said:

"One of these men who may jump from the second story has sworn to kill on sight any secret service men that tries to take him. His record is such there is no doubt he means what he says. If these men jump from the windows they will be armed and will kill any men in their path. Either you or they will be killed. It will be bet-Either you



mended for his coolness and bravery cashier wrote, but further than this the at my back. There was no answer and I knocked again, lightly, as I wished to description was hazy. A somewhat similar general description, except as to the avoid waking the men sleeping up-stairs. Still there was no response, color of the beard and altogether more definite, came from Parsons. I sent Operative Kennoch to St. Louis and Louisiana to pursue the investigation and the third time I rapped harder. Robinson came to the woor. Without there.

While these things were happening I received word through the United States marshal at Springfield, Ill., to the effect that a deputy sheriff at Vandalia, Ill., had arrested a man for trying to pass a \$100 counterfeit bill at the Farm-ers' and Merchants' national bank in the latter city. This bit of news, con-sidered in connection with the rapidly occurring events of the days previous, was decidedly important, and I lost no time in getting to Vandalia. I found that at all, bearded, farmer looking man of about 50 had tendered a \$100 bill to David Palmer, of the local bank The taking of Robinson had occurred and that Palmer had declined to accept reporting the matter to Deputy Sheriff Cluxton, who had arrested the stranger at the failroad station as he was about to leave Vandalia. He gave the name of "Levi Logan," and said he had received the bill from one Charles Scott, of Fond du Lac, Wis., in a horse

trade. When arrested he had in his possession another counterfeit bill of the same kind as he tried to pass, and \$154 in good money. I questioned the prisoner, but decided from his manner that he was not "Levi Logan." Who he really was remained to be found out. I asked for permission to take the prisoner into my custody, but Deputy Sheriff Cluxton declined to turn him over to me. I argued that if held and tried in that county he could not possibly be convicted because witnesses could not be brought in from another state, whereas, the government could command the attendance of witnesses from any state. The local au-thorities also had no facilities for doing

the work necessary to secure such evidence as would convict the prisoner. But Cluxton was obdurate. I appealed to a prominent local attorney who had influence with the deputy sheriff, and in this way finally secured custody of the prisoner and took him to Springfield. I often have thought since that if the

deputy who clung so tenaciously to his man had had any idea of the part the prisoner was to play in counterfeiting history he would have relinquished him gladly to the United States authorities Had he persisted in retaining custody of "Levi Logan" it is likely that one of the most important bands of "koniackers" in the country would have enjoyed their liberty much longer than they did. * *

The only clews I had to work on in establishing the identity of "Levi Lo-

LEVI LÖGAN.

gan" were his story that he had come from Wisconsin, and a description of the man. The first clew was strengthened by the fact that the bills that had found their way into Chicago had been passed by a man traveling from north to south. I was convinced that "Logan" was an adept in the "shoving" of counerfeits, and if this were true and he hailed from Wisconsin there was little probability that he was not affiliated with the Boscobel gang in that state.

note was brought to my attention which had been sent to the Union national bankfrom the City bank of Portage, Wis., In the meantime the bill on the Revere national of Boston had been received at the Chicago post office from

STATUE OF M'CLELLAN.

ing constructed by Frederick MacMon-

nies, whose fountain at the World's

Columbian Exposition won him world-wide fame. It is expected that the statue will be ready for unveiling on

October 18. The commission in charge

of the work is composed of the secretary of war, Senator Wetmore,

Rhode Island, and Gen. Horatio C.

King, of Brooklyn. The statue is the

outcome of the efforts and subscrip-

tions of the Society of the Army of the

STATUE OF MAJ. GEN. GEORGE B. M'CLELLAN. (It Will Be Unveiled in Washington on October 18, Next.)

Potomac, which will hold its thirty-

seventh annual reunion coincident with the unveiling in the capital city.

The discussion caused by the appear-

ance of the model of Gen. McClellan

fair at Chicago, to which reference has

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF.

Brig. Gen. Bell Wins Place at Head

of Army by Aggressive Mil-

itary Policy.

lin Bell, who has just been appointed chief of staff of the regular army, was born in Kentucky 50 years ago

and was sent to West Point in 1874.

was not until December 29, 1890, that

Gen. Bell is one of the few briga-

diers who have never held com-

ice. He was appointed a major of en-

gineers during the Spanish-American

It

He was graduated in June, 1878.

Washington .- Brig. Gen. J. Frank-

already been made.

ruary 19, 1901.

The fiftieth anniversary of the inven-Equestrian Figure of the General to tion of the aniline dye is to be celebrated Adorn the City of Washby the world of science by the placing of a portrait of the inventor, Dr. Perkin, ington. Washington .- This city of monu-

in the National Portrait gallery, and a bust in the rooms of the Chemical soments and statues is to be graced by a ciety at Burlington House, London. fine equestrian statue of Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, which is now be-

SCRAIN OF SCIENCE.

Gas is the fundamental basis of the sense of smell, says Dr. John Aitken, F. R. S., according to the Scientific American. Berthelot says that one hun-dredth of a quadrillionth of a gram of musk can be detected by the nose. Dr. Aitken has found that of 24 odorous substances investigated not one gave off its perfume in solid particles; nothing but gases and vapors escaped from any of them.

Two distinct organizations, both composed of men eminent in science, are studying the sun with extraordinary care. One, the Solar Commission, established in 1903, is devoting its researches to the effect of the sun on the weather and climatic changes of the earth. The other, the Solar Union, formed in 1904, is endeavoring to ascertain more than is now known about the sun itself. Both are European associa-

tions. Prof. Spring, a Belgian who has been prof. spring, a belgian who has been studying the causes of color in water, under various conditions, says that if water otherwise entirely pure contains one part of every 10,000,000 of ferric hydrate, an iron compound, it will appear green, where the depth is considerable. With less than one part of fer-ric hydrate in every 20,000,000 it will be blue. But less than one part of vege-table mold or humus matter in every 40,000,000 will make the blue tint of water disappear.

OVER THE OCEAN.

A new prize of \$10,000 is offered in France for the invention of a dirigible balloon.

in a slouch hat, at a period when that was not worn, led to the substitution Sir Patrick Keith Murray has pre-sented to the British nation an old cushion on which the crown of Scot-land rested, and it has been placed in the jewel room at Edinburgh castle.

The Uffizi gallery, Florence, has acquired a collection of 11,000 portraits, etchings, engravings and copper plates, representing celebrated historical personages, monarchs, popes and artists. A commission, after inquiring into

the allegation that there is a tobacco monopoly in Austria, grants that a combines does exist and recommends that the commonwealth take charge of the industry.

The Institute of Archaeology of the University of Liverpool has dispatched an expedition to make explorations and excavations in the vicinity of Esna, in upper Egypt. The funds have been privately subscribed by Liverpool citi-

The British committee on naval designs has recommended that no more small protected cruisers be built. The war fleet of the future is to consist of battleships and armored cruisers, the torpedo floatillas and submarines forming separate self-contained forces

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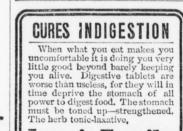
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Queen Elizabeth had 3004 dresses when she died.

One mahogany tree, when cut into missions as major, lieutenant col-onel or colonel in the regular serv-\$10,000. logs, will sometimes fetch as much as

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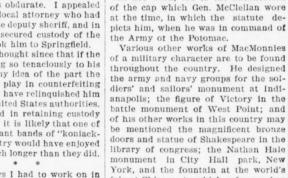
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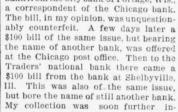
ter if it be they. Shoot them before they strike the ground if you want to save your own lives."

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The nearest neighbors of the Robinsons had a child that was not expected to live through the night on which we planned the raid. Mrs. Robinson, although the wife of one criminal and the associate of others, retained the maternal solicitude for any child that was and had made herself useful at the house of her neighbors. She had been at the bedside of the little one during the day and returned only in time to prepare supper for her husband and the other "koniackers." I knew of her interest in the condition of the sick child, and decided to turn it to our own advantage. At a quarter to two in the morning of April 16, 1875, we left the hotel and repaired to the Robinson home in such a manner as not to at tract attention from any belated towns. man in case we met one.

After reaching the premises no word was spoken and none was necessary, as final and detailed instructions had been received by the officers befo we left the hotel covering any possible emergency that might arise. The night as very dark and a high wind blew, suiting our purpose well.

each man at his station, I With rapped at the front door softly, one of



MRS. MALCOLM ROBINSON

the stairs led to the second floor. Re-

volver in one hand and dark lantern in

the other, I ran softly up the stairs.

er two counterfeiters slept was ajar.

Throwing the flare of the bull's-eye into the room, I saw Ellis and Brown

in bed, but each reaching for his re-

volver, one of the weapons being un-der the pillow and the other on a small

stand at the head of the bed. Coving

them with my own weapon before they

had time to lay hands on their revolvers,

"The first that moves will be shot."

Cautiously and with my revolver and lantern still trained on the counter-

feiters, I backed to the front window and rapped on the pane. This was the

signal that had been arranged for two

men to come to my assistance. Under the cover of three revolvers Ellis and

Brown were doggedly obedient and put on their clothes. The other two men

had by this time entered the house and gone to the relief of the deputy who en-

tered with me in caring for Robinson

In the room across the hall from the

sleeping-room of Ellis and Brown I

found the printing press and materials they had been using, \$15,000 in 50-cent

scrip, together with the same plates

Kale Ellis had dropped in the Pecatonica

river, in making his daring escape from

The three cursing counterfeiters, Mrs. Robinson and the "koniacking" outfit

were taken to Madison on the next train. The men pleaded guilty and were sen-

tenced to serve seven years in the peni-

tentiary. Mrs. Robinson was given her

Well satisfied with the results of the

Wisconsin job, I returned to Chicago and dropped into the routine of my work, little thinking that the events immediately to follow would necessi-

tate my return to the Badger state. But no sooner had I returned than a \$109

Operative Drummond long before.

"Lie back, or I'll kill you."

Both lay on the pillows.

I shouted:

commanded.

and his wife.

liberty.

The door of the room in which the oth-

My collection was soon further increased by a \$100 bill from Parse Kan., following which came the information from secret service headquarters that a \$100 note had been passed at Louisiana, Mo.

Here was an unexpected snower. The bills were apparently all off the same plate, which had been a skeleton plate, the names of the Revere national bank of Boston, Second national of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and the Merchants' national of New Bedford, Mass., having been filled in by the skeleton process At the United States subtreasury Fred M. Blount, the cashier, insisted the bills were genuine. The cashiers of five out of eight banks to which they were sub-mitted also held them to be good. Thomas P. Tallman, cashier of the Trad ers' national, and I insisted they were counterfeit.

I found at the post office that the bill offered there had been sent by the posmaster at Cambridge, Ill., to whom I immediately sent a telegram in the name of J. W. Palmer, the Chicago post master. The Cambridge postmaster an-swered that he had received the bill in question from the Cambridge bank and that no accurate description of the man who had passed it could be obtained. The cashier of the bank at Portage wrote that he had received the bill from

a man about 45 years old, nearly six feet tall and with dark, full beard. He the deputy marshals who was recom- looked like a well-to-do farmer, the

orge C. King, as told in the beginning of this story. This bill had come from the east, and from this fact I surmised that the man who had passed it had traveled west to Wisconsin, probably from New York city, and thence southward.

I believed that in a region that had harbored for years such a strong hand of counterfeiters as the Boscobel crowd there must be information cocerning the identity of a "shover" who said he came from that locality, and who, apparently, was thoroughly familiar with it. Consequently I provided myself with photographs of "Levi Logan" and started for Wisconsin.

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On this trip I had not long pursued my investigation when I encountered the name of "Watson"—one with which I was entirely unfamiliar in counterfeiting circles . From the report I got from persons familiar with Kale Ellis, Frank Brown and Malcolm Robinson, the atsons" must have visited Wisconsif frequently, always associating with who bore shady reputations, and who later were found to be counterfeit-The reputed home of the "Wat-" was at Clear Lake, Ia. Without ers. sons going to that place I stored away what I heard about them for future reference, ontinuing my search in Wisconsin. At last I found my reward through

easually showing the photograph of 'Levi Logan" to a man who at ognized him as the father of Mrs. Jalcolm Robinson. The true name of he Springfield prisoner I found to be Frank Conway, One of his daughters had married Malcolm Robinson and another had married his brother. Ciate. both of the husbands then being in prison for counterfeiting offenses. [To Be Continued.]



BRIG. GEN I FRANKLIN RELL. ho Has Just Been Appointed by the resident as Chief of Staff of the Army.)

war in the volunteer service, served in the islands under Gens. Merritt and Otis and was made a colonel of the Thirty-sixth United States infantry July 5, 1899, and December 5 his serve ices were rewarded by a commission as brigadier general of volunteers. In 1901 he was named as a brigadier general of regulars.

Gen. Bell's services as head of the war colleges at Fort Leavenworth have won for him recognition from the president and secretary of war, and it is said that his aggressiveness and belief in maneuvers and outdoor work for troops led to his appointment to the important post to which he has been appointed.

'Social Democrats' Invade England. Certaine Russian immigrants reaching England without money have been passed by the immigration authorities, although they should have been rejected under the new aliens act. They were passed when they declared themselves to be social democrats, and is quickly absorbed. Gives Relief at Once. by replying to the following question: 'Are the operations of the society directed against all governments, or only against the Russian govern-ment?" "Only against Russia." "Ad-It cleanses, soothe or heals and protects the diseased mem-brane. It cures Ca-tarrh and drives heals and "Admitted." The immigration authorities array a Cold in the Head quickly. Re- HAY FEVER stores the Senses of HAY FEVER Taste and Smell. Full size 50 ets., at Drug-gists or by mail; Trial Size 10 ets. by mail Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, now find that they are overwhelmed with impoverished social democrats from Russia. In fact, nobody but acial democrats seems to be emigrating from Russia just now.

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