

CAREER OF A DETECTIVE

Sergeant Riley Caught Many Famous Criminals in His Time.

NO CRITICISM FROM LEXOW

Run Down Embezzler Weeks at Costa Rica, and Was Concerned in the Arrest of Ruloff, a Notorious Murderer and Organizer of Thieves.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 30.—There is one man at least connected with the New York police department, who has escaped criticism at the hands of the Lexow investigating committee. That man is Detective Sergeant Phil Riley. He has a record to be proud of. It was Riley who was sent to Costa Rica to run down and bring back Weeks, the embezzler, concerning whom so much was said in the papers about a year ago. Weeks ruined a score of confiding victims by his operations and got away with hundreds of thousands of dollars and then fled with his wife to Costa Rica. Another remarkable case took Riley to Chili, where he worked for eleven months running to earth a young man who had been the confidential bookkeeper of a New York law firm and had stolen \$24,000. During his long stay there, before he succeeded in apprehending the fellow, Riley learned to speak Spanish with some fluency. In the thirty-one years during which he has been in the detective work in New York, Riley has made several trips to Europe after criminals, three times to London, twice to Copenhagen and once each to Dublin, Glasgow and Edinburgh, besides visiting every state in the union.

Capture of Ruloff. One of the most famous criminal cases in which Detective Riley was concerned was that of Ruloff. It is now twenty years since he was executed, but his case is famous in the police annals of the metropolis. Ruloff had a fine mind and would have made his mark in any other line of work. He had an immense brain. After he was executed it was found that his brain weighed two ounces more than that of Daniel Webster. Ruloff was the organizer of an infamous gang of criminals as ever infested the metropolis. He had his agents in many places where one would hardly look for them and was apprised of opportunities for theft in the most direct and certain manner. He had had a long career. The case which led to his conviction and execution was the robbery of a large drug and grocery house in Binghamton, N. Y. Ruloff had an agent in Clifton's big store in New York and through him learned of the shipment of \$5,000 worth of fine silks to Binghamton. He at once planned to steal them. With two men he reached Binghamton the day the goods were delivered there and laid the plans to rob the store that night. Entrance was effected and Ruloff remained on the outside to guard and assist in getting away with the plunder when it had once been secured. It happened that two clerks slept in the store and they were awakened by Ruloff's companions as they effected their entrance. The clerks made a game fight. In the encounter one of the clerks was shot dead by the intruders, but not before both of the desperadoes had received serious if not mortal wounds. The burglars made their escape without booty. When outside Ruloff quickly discovered that both men were badly injured and could not escape. They were compelled to cross the river as the quickest way to avoid pursuit and a boat had been provided before hand. They embarked but before the other shore was reached Ruloff had thrown both his confederates overboard and dived himself. The case excited an immense amount of attention and the metropolitan detective force was put to work upon it. They finally traced Ruloff to earth and fastened the crime upon him in a well woven and complete net of circumstantial evidence. Other proof was obtained to confirm this and the arch conspirator was finally convicted and hanged for the triple murder he had been directly guilty of. Doubtless if the truth were known he was responsible for a score or more of other murders for which no one was ever apprehended.

A CITY SEIZES A BANK.

Held \$20,000 Municipal Funds and Now a Receiver Runs It.

By the United Press. West Superior, Wis., Dec. 29.—A deputy sheriff served papers this morning on the officers of the Bank of South Superior, and the bank was taken possession of in behalf of a receiver acting for the city of Superior. It has been known for some time that the bank was in financial straits, and the city officials decided that, to simplify matters and protect the city, which is a creditor, a receiver should be appointed. He secured the order from Judge Smith, and Homer T. Fowler was selected. The bank has \$20,000 of city money.

A FREAK'S LATEST TRICK.

Human Pin Cushion Tries His Hand at Cleaning Out a Town.

By the United Press. Ocean, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Professor Frank Johnson, of Erie, Pa., known for advertising fame as "The Living Pin Cushion," was thrown out of a concert hall here while drunk last night and retaliated by opening fire on the crowd with a revolver. One man fell, whereupon Johnson started on a run up Union street, yelling and firing in most approved wild western style. He was pursued into a fish market, captured and the revolver taken from

him after he had emptied it. The injured man, Thomas Fee, has a bullet in his thigh and one in his arm. Johnson was held to answer to a charge of assault with intent to kill. He is on the verge of delirium tremens.

LOVE'S DEVIOUS WAYS.

In a Fit of Jealousy a Man Kills His Finnee. Monroeville, Ala., Dec. 29.—News has been received here that at Hunters Hill, Monroe county, Doss Matts, in a fit of jealous rage, shot and afterward stabbed his fiancée, Lizzie Smith. He then committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

The recent cold snap has stimulated the distribution of coal in all quarters, and more is moving than for some time. That of the Pennsylvania is particularly brisk and New England dealers are calling for deliveries on orders placed last month. It appears that a vast quantity of coal is still on the shippers' books at the old low prices, while middlemen have an additional amount to that extent. The market is therefore in a circular price. Some little business is reported at the full new circular, but it is trifling.

In anticipation of an unusually large turn-out of stockholders at the annual meeting of the Lehigh Valley railroad on Jan. 15, it has been decided that admission to the New Century club, of Philadelphia, where the meeting will be held, will be by ticket only. Every opportunity will be afforded stockholders to be present, and upon a request to Secretary Fanshawe tickets will be promptly forwarded. Proxies in support of the present management are still coming in, and the shares represented by the proxies already received, in conjunction with the Packer block, represent considerably more than a majority of the stock. The Lehigh Valley railroad stockholders' committee announces that a meeting will be held at Association hall, on Jan. 2, at which security holders, who are opposed to the present management of the company are invited to attend.

The present condition of the anthracite coal trade, so far as prices are concerned, is shown by the fact that the nominal prices at tidewater have steadily declined since the first of the year, says the Stockholder. In January the quotations were: Broken, \$3.75; egg, \$4; stove, \$4.45; chestnut, \$4.45. The figures now being quoted are: Broken, \$2.10; egg, \$2.20; stove, \$2.35; chestnut, \$2.25. The decrease since January, therefore, are: Broken, 65 cents; egg, 80 cents; stove, \$1.10; chestnut, \$1.20, or an average for the four sizes of 93 cents per ton. For eleven months the shipments of anthracite have aggregated \$3,396,832 tons, and it is estimated that the total will be increased to, say, \$4,000,000 tons by the end of the year. The loss to the several companies, therefore, will be in the neighborhood of \$39,000,000; and all because the interests involved refuse to allow the only safe business rule—that of keeping the supply down to a level with the demand. As the production was the heaviest in the Wyoming region, the loss is greater for the companies in that region, with the Schuylkill second, and the Lehigh region last.

It is claimed by some that at last week's meeting, in Philadelphia, of the presidents of the coal carrying railroads President Harris of the Reading company "beat the rest" by the other companies and threw down the gauntlet by demanding the imposition of a money penalty for the evasion of agreements on the part of any of the companies. The Philadelphia Record has thrown both his confederates overboard and dived himself. The case excited an immense amount of attention and the metropolitan detective force was put to work upon it. They finally traced Ruloff to earth and fastened the crime upon him in a well woven and complete net of circumstantial evidence.

There are some ideas in a recent issue of the Hazleton Sentinel which are valuable, even though crudely expressed. For instance, the Sentinel says: "One of the deplorable things of the time is no discussion of any evident intention on the part of any legislator to bring out legislation of value to the coal regions. We do not hear of any member who has any matter more important than that of securing places for friends. The legislator who wants to benefit this region must go beyond the demagogic measures of company store bills, semi-monthly pay laws and dividend bills. These are only minor bills, if they at all, in many cases the bills are in an absolute necessity and perhaps a direct blessing, while it is a mooted question whether in all, or even a majority, of cases the semi-monthly pay law is a good thing for the men. The mining region will thrive better without legislation than with the kind it has received from the demagogues of both sides. Such measures as a change in the system of mine inspectors, an Employers' Liability bill, modeled after the English but adopted upon this particular state, a better system of factory inspection, the creation of a state bureau of mining with the head of it a member of the governor's cabinet

net and a mining expert, not a political heeler—all these would be subjects worthy of men, and which concern capital and labor more than any of the thousand trifling and selfish schemes that will bob up at the next session." The Stockholder thinks that if the restriction suggested for January is closely followed, the market will be put in the healthiest condition known, for many months past, as the present heavy surplus stock will rapidly disappear, and with it the excuse for cutting prices. The output for December is considerably larger than has been agreed upon. On Dec. 1 the output for the year to that date aggregated \$2,285,671 tons, by Dec. 22 it had increased to 4,773,178 tons, an increase of 2,487,507 tons. As the output on Dec. 1 and the production since Dec. 22 (which has not yet been reported) is to be added to the 2,285,671 tons, it is at once apparent that the total for the month will exceed 3,000,000 tons, or over 500,000 tons more than had been agreed upon.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 29.—The stock market was quiet but tone was better. The improvement was due principally to covering of short contracts. The Industrials were firmer than the general list. Chicago Gas was higher owing to the near approach of the time for declaration of the dividend. Jersey Central was very erratic, ranging between 87 1/2 and 89 1/2, closing at 89. The colliers were quiet and easy. Speculation closed dull and firm, but prices show gains of 3/4 to 2 1/2 per cent. Total sales were 151,000 shares. The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

Table with columns: Stock Name, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes A. R. C., C. I. & P., C. B. & Q., C. C. & S. L., Ches. & O., D. C. P. Co., D. L. & W., G. & N., Jersey Cent., L. & N., Nat. Bldg., Nat. Lumber, Nat. Cord., N. Y. C., S. R., S. W., W. & R., W. & S. L., W. Union, C. B., D. S. G., A. M. T.

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes WHEAT, OATS, CORN, SUGAR, LARD, BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY.

Table with columns: No., Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations.

Table with columns: No., Par, Bid, Ask. Includes New York Produce Market.

Table with columns: No., Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Chicago Stock Market.

Table with columns: No., Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Oil Market.

Table with columns: No., Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Buffalo Stock Market.

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