

BOLD HOLDUP AT CARRINGTON

Chief of Police Wounded---One Robber Killed, One Wounded and Two Escape.

Frank Davis, one of the four masked men who Saturday held up seven men in the J. Hopkins pool hall at Carrington, is dead and Carl Nelson, chief of police, is in St Paul hospital with a bullet in his body just above the stomach, as a result of a gun fight in the Gilby rooming house shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning. Ed Berch, a teamster, was wounded in the shoulder in a fight with the same men a mile from town.

Leonard Sweringer, another member of the uphold party, is in the Foster county jail pending an investigation of the case.

The other two members of the party, whose names are not known, are at large. They made their escape while the gun fight was going on.

After robbing the men in the pool hall, the four men went to the wye, where the Soo and Northern Pacific cross, about one mile northwest of town, ostensibly to board the train passing there at 12 o'clock. Chief of Police Nelson and a deputy boarded the train at Carrington and rode to the crossing, but when they dropped off there the burglars were not in sight.

Previous to this, however, the four burglars reached the place and were hiding in the grass. Earl Berch and several companions, after hearing of the robbery in the pool hall, started toward the crossing and reached there before the train. They were surprised by the four highwaymen and told to hold up their hands. Berch, who was armed, did not get his hands up quickly enough to suit the robbers and one of them shot him. He was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

It is believed that the four highwaymen then took a roundabout way back to the city. They appeared at the Gilby rooming house and secured a room. It was 2 o'clock when they entered the rooming house. A few minutes later one of the men left and appeared at the restaurant where he purchased a can of coffee and a number of sandwiches.

The restaurant man's suspicions were aroused and he notified the authorities. Chief of Police Nelson and a posse followed the man to the Gilby rooming house.

Nelson and his men then went upstairs to arrest the quartet. Mr. Nelson boldly opened the door and started in.

Just as he entered the room he was shot. As he fell, one of the men behind him, whose name could not be learned, fired into the room and killed Frank Davis, one of the highwaymen.

An exchange of bullets then commenced. About 45 shots were fired before Sweringer finally was overpowered. The other two men escaped, however. It is not known whether they went through the window or got out of the room and escaped through the back door. No one saw them go.

All day Monday Sheriff Morgan had a posse of men scouring the country, but he could not locate the two men.

Monday morning a special train was hired and Chief Nelson was rushed to St. Paul to secure the attention of a specialist. Tuesday, according to word received from that city, he was still alive.

The four masked men appeared at the Hopkins pool hall at 10:45 o'clock Saturday night. One man stood on guard outside at the window and another stood in the door. One approached Mr. Hopkins and demanded that he throw up his hands. The other covered and robbed the six men in the building at the time. The latter secured about \$50 from the six.

The man who held up Mr. Hopkins first went through the latter's pockets, securing \$100. Then, with gun leveled at the pool hall proprietor, searched the cash register and secured \$100 more.

With guns held on the seven men the two highwaymen backed out of the door and fled with their companions. The authorities were quickly notified and Chief Nelson organized a hunt for them.

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