

PICKPOCKETS FADED AWAY

POLICE SAW TWO DO CONJURING TRICKS WITH THEMSELVES.

"You See, They Might Have Said, 'We Get Into the Wagon, Nothing Up Our Sleeves and Now We're Gone'— That's How It Happened."

Whether the thing came about through magic or treachery, there hung a pall of meanness and mystery over police headquarters after it happened at 9:30 o'clock last night.

It was a case of now they're in the wagon; now they're gone. "Pinky" Blitz and Rolla Noble, police characters and pickpockets of national reputation, were the elusive persons.

Yes, it's hard to believe, but during a ride of three blocks in a police patrol, "Pinky" and Rolla completely and irrevocably managed to disappear.

Sergeant Peter McCosgrove stood on the sidewalk and helped lead them in, with eight other prisoners, after a gambling raid on a poolhall at 606 Walnut Street. Sergeant McCosgrove knew them intimately—he couldn't possibly be mistaken, he said later. The raid had netted fifteen prisoners. The sergeant and the five patrolmen who made it waited to return to the station with the second load. H. T. Clark, probationary patrolman, rode on the back step.

"PINKY" AND ROLLA WERE GONE.

When Sergeant McCosgrove reached the booking desk at headquarters with the second load he found eight prisoners leaning negligently about the iron "bullpen."

"Where is 'Pinky' and—and Noble?" he asked.

"Nobody around here has seen them," Capt. J. J. Ennis, night chief, answered promptly.

And that's about all there was to it. No patrolman had ridden in the wagon with the prisoners. Clark said in his report to the night chief that nobody had passed him on the step during the ride. J. J. O'Rourke, patrolman, who stood by the booking desk, said nobody escaped after the crowd reached that place. Herman Fuks, patrolman, who watched the prisoners get out of the wagon at the big gate in the basement of headquarters, was positive nobody left the wagon who didn't reach the desk.

BOTH HAVE BEEN IN PRISON.

"Pinky" Blitz is a "reformed" pickpocket. His real name is Morris. Since giving up that profession, for which by the way, he served at least one penitentiary term, he has managed to cultivate the acquaintance of the police in various ways. Noble's record is about as long.

The raid in which Blitz and Noble were caught was one the police department has contemplated for some time. The place is run by Frank DeMayo,

known as "Chee-Chee," and Harry Looney.

Among the thirteen prisoners who actually reached the station last night there were at least five police characters, one being a burglar, two pickpockets, one shoplifter and DeMayo, who has been arrested before for running a gambling house.

THE RIVER BOULEVARD WINS.

Bill for a Rock Road From Lansing to Kansas City, Kas., Up to Stubbs.

TOPEKA, March 8.—The bill to allow the prisoners at Lansing and also those not needed at the Hutchinson reformatory to build a road from Lansing to Kansas City, Kas., went to the governor for his signature today. The road must overlook the Missouri River and the counties must furnish the right of way and materials and the prisoners will do the work.

SHOT UP GRAIN VALLEY, MO.

But Robbers Failed to Get Anything When They Attacked a Bank.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the bank at Grain Valley, Mo., about 1:30 o'clock this morning. Three men came into town about 1 o'clock and after firing several shots at persons on the street, blew open the vault to the bank with nitroglycerin. The shots and the explosion awakened several persons in the town, who fired on the robbers.

Ten or twelve men followed the robbers to the edge of town, firing at them as they ran, but none of the robbers was injured. The robbers went south. No money was taken from the bank. Grain Valley is a town of two hundred people thirty miles east of Kansas City.

TWO INJURED IN VIADUCT CRASH

A Passenger Car Ran Into a Repair Truck on the Inter-City Bridge.

Smoke from the railroad yards near the Inter-City Viaduct prevented Ira Brooks, motorman on a westbound Minnesota-Indiana car, seeing a work train repairing a trolley wire just west of the state line on the structure last night about 10 o'clock. A collision followed, in which two of the thirty-eight passengers on the car were injured slightly by broken glass. They were Mrs. Louis Russell, 722 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kas., and J. W. Swain, 311 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kas. The left hand of Paul Hadey, a lineman on the repair car, was injured. Jacob Brown, 23 East Twenty-ninth Street, is foreman of the repair train. Brooks lives at 1127 Spilllog Avenue, Kansas City, Kas. Arthur Doty, 930 Armstrong Avenue, Kansas City, Kas., was the conductor on the car. The front vestibule was broken.

THE MOTHER OF 19 CHILDREN.

Twins the Latest Acquisition to a Wichita Family.

WICHITA, KAS., March 8.—Mrs. George Glover, 38 years old, mother of seventeen children, gave birth to twins here today. She is the mother of five pairs of twins and triplets. Her husband, a laborer, is 40 years old.

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