

# HENRY STARR A PRISONER.

## THE NOTORIOUS DESPERADO CAUGHT AT COLORADO SPRINGS.

Surprised by Officers in a Hotel Restaurant and Taken Without a Struggle—Kid Wilson and Mrs. Starr Also Under Arrest.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., July 3.—Henry Starr and Kid Wilson, two members of the notorious Starr gang of train and bank robbers, who have caused the death of a dozen men and terrorized the Indian territory and Arkansas for months, were arrested here this morning. They arrived at the Spaulding house late last night with Mrs. Starr and registered as Frank Johnson and John Wilson of Joplin, Mo.

The officers, learning who the two women were, surrounded the hotel this morning but were afraid to approach them outright and attempted to get them into a position to shoot on sight. Henry Starr went alone into the restaurant and the police followed him.

Then Marshal Dana caught one arm of the noted outlaw and Officer Wright another, while Detective Atkinson covered him with a pair of six shooters.

### STARR AND WILSON SURPRISED.

Starr gave up without a struggle, but said to the officers: "It is a good thing you got the drop on me or there would have been some corpses around here."

The same officers then went to Colorado City and captured Kid Wilson. He was armed with a 45-caliber revolver and would have made a desperate resistance if the officers had not first covered him with pistols.

When the men were brought to jail an attempt was made to interview them but without success.

After the arrest the officers went to the Spaulding house and woke up the woman, who was registered as Mrs. Jackson, but who is really the wife of Starr. She is about 18 years old and rather prepossessing. She said that she was married to Starr about six months ago and that her home is about 200 miles east of here.

A search of the room was made and under the pillow was found \$1,460 in greenbacks, which had never been used, while \$500 in gold was found in a valise.

The woman carried a pearl handled revolver of 38-caliber. She was closely questioned and admitted that the man who was captured was Henry Starr and that the name of the other one was Kid Wilson.

There is a reward of \$5,000 for the capture of the men.

### HENRY STARR'S PAST RECORD.

Henry Starr had lived in the Indian territory all his life, and until a few years ago that country was the sole theater of his crimes. Early in life he developed into a fearless and successful cattle thief, and with the aid of his brother made many raids which brought them a handsome profit. The dash which he displayed in all his depredations attracted widespread attention and he soon gathered around him a band of desperadoes of which he was the acknowledged leader.

From a common horse and cattle thief Starr became a highwayman, which occupation he followed with indifferent success until about three years ago, when he burst his chrysalis and emerged as a full fledged train robber. His operations were bold, his movements were quick and he did not hesitate to take human life in beating his retreat to the many fastnesses and hiding places with which the country abounded. He knew every foot of the territory and so was able to make his raids from either Texas, Arkansas or Kansas and be almost certain of escape beforehand.

### TERRITORY OFFICERS OUTWITTED.

For years hundreds of deputy marshals have been looking for Starr and his gang and their instructions were to take them alive or dead, the latter preferred. He was a sure shot and a tireless rider so that it was almost impossible to run him down. He rarely showed himself in the larger cities preferring the freedom of the country where his friends lived and where he was perfectly at home. He came from a family similar in many respects to the Daltons, there being hardly one member who was not imbued with murderous instincts and the love of outlawry. His latest exploit was the daylight raid on the bank at Bentonville, Ark., in which three citizens were shot. He was also credited with several recent train robberies in the Indian territory. About a week ago he was supposed to have been cornered in the Indian territory, but the supposition proved a mistake.

Belle Starr, the most dashing rider in the West and the most picturesque woman desperado chronicled by history, was a close relative of Henry Starr's. Belle was the equal of any of the men in running off a bunch of cattle or in stampeding a drove of horses. She was murdered in the southern part of the territory about three years ago and is said to have herself been guilty of shedding human blood on more than one occasion.

### NOTED BANDITS IN KANSAS CITY.

Henry Starr and "Kid" Wilson on Their Way to Fort Smith.

Henry Starr and "Kid" Wilson, the two noted bandits recently captured in Colorado Springs, Col., arrived in this city at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon in charge of Sheriff A. W. Brown of Denver and Deputy Sheriff J. C. Smith of Fort Smith, Ark., who are taking them to Fort Smith. Starr and Wilson were shackled together and were in a bad frame of mind during the hour they sat in the depot waiting room before departing on the train for the South. A crowd of curious people stared at the bandits. This seemed to annoy Starr and he cursed them. He spat in one man's face and said he would make the whole crowd run if his hands were only loose. Before taking the train for Fort Smith Sheriff Brown telegraphed to the marshal of that place to meet him at Nichols with a strong guard as he feared an attempt might be made either to rescue his prisoners or to lynch them.