

could only describe the men as a tall and one exceptionally short one, probably not more than five feet four inches in height and Americans.

Captain Grady gave the order to the men to bring in all hoboes they found in any part of the city and a variegated array of sons of rest were garnered into police headquarters throughout the night, but none upon whom the police have any definite evidence of being connected with the shooting.

That the men are members of an organized gang of car thieves is the supposition of the police and the railroad special agents. Shortly after the shooting, yardmen found that a carload of merchandise about fifty yards from where the shooting took place, had been burglarized and much of the contents stolen, also a carload of potatoes had been broken open, presumably by mistake, for the contents had not been disturbed. The readiness of the two men to shoot is explained by the car robbery for undoubtedly they thought the officer had the goods on them for the theft, and was about to arrest them on that charge.

So bold have the car robbers grown that Mr. Gray only a few months ago was employed by the railroad to watch the cars on the spur track between the Missouri Pacific and Rio Grande yards, where most of the robberies had taken place. It was at the Rio Grande end of this track in the Walker yards that the shooting took place.

"The railroads here and at Colorado Springs have been troubled for several weeks by an organized gang of car robbers who came from Kansas City," said Special Agent Lynch last night. "I believe there originally was as many as eighteen in the gang. We had a man in jail the other day who was one of the gang. He gave us considerable information about its operations and surprised me by telling me every move I made on a recent plant we made in an effort to catch the gang."

"We have reason to believe that the gang disposes of its plunder at certain fences. Last month almost an entire carload of merchandise was stolen at one time, including a barrel of whiskey."

Mr. Gray formerly was a policeman in St. Louis for twenty-five years. Prior to his employment as a guard for the railroad, he lived on a ranch in this county. He is about 60 years old. His family was summoned to the hospital late last night.

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