

## A BOLD SCRANTON ROBBERY.

THE THIEVES CAPTURED BEFORE THEY  
COULD SECRETE THEIR BOOTY.

SCRANTON, Penn., Oct. 17.—At 12:30 o'clock this afternoon two men entered the pay office connected with Spencer's mine at Dunmore, on the outskirts of Scranton, and after overpowering the foreman, John Brady, and leaving him gagged and blindfolded on the floor, carried off \$12,760 in cash that was to be used by Mr. Spencer in paying his miners their September wages to day.

The desperate robbers were residents of Dunmore, Charles Engle and a man named Snow, who is a recent arrival in this section. They were in the office within a few feet of Foreman Brady before he realized their presence, and one of them, placing a revolver at his head, swore that he would be a dead man if he attempted to make any resistance. The other man blindfolded Brady, gagged and bound him, and after making him completely helpless, the robbers secured the money, which was distributed in 158 envelopes. They put it in bags, which they hid under their coats, and left the office as coolly as though they had merely called on business. No one suspected that such a well-known resident of Dunmore as Charles Engle would be guilty of so desperate a deed, and together with his accomplice, Snow, he walked slowly along an alley leading to his own barn, which is situated in the heart of the borough. Here he doubtless thought boldness would lend security to his audacious crime, and he would be free to hide his booty.

But Engle's plan miscarried. He was not more than a few minutes in the barn when the door was burst open by Chief of Police Simpson and Officers Edwards, Roche, Zang, Lewis, Coslett, and Peppard of the Scranton police force. Engle and his accomplice, Snow, surrendered themselves and gave up their booty. They were placed in the city prison, and the money was deposited in the First National Bank. Shortly after this two others, named Bowen and Hollister, were arrested as accessories.

Chief Simpson says this robbery was planned months ago by Engle, Snow, Bowen, and Hollister, and he notified Mr. Spencer and Superintendent Chamberlain of the fact. Superintendent Chamberlain had kept a close watch ever since up to the time the robbery was committed. He had been growing careless of late, and was disposed to think there was nothing, after all, in Chief Simpson's warning. Were it not that some member of the gang had betrayed its operations to the Chief in advance, the robbers could readily have escaped with their plunder.