

SILVERTON SUB-STANDARD GAZETTE

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GREAT GOLD ROBBERY – TRAIN & NUGGET STOLEN



By the ace reporter "Scoop"

It's gone! Stolen from Silverton by the "Richardson Gang". The world's biggest gold nugget named the "Fourteener" has been pinched by a bunch of desperate desperado's just as it was being loaded onto the special train to take it to the World's Fair in Chuckngo. The robbers are believed to be the same gang who tried to hold up the DW train earlier.



Their leader "Outlaw-Dude" is about 5 feet 17 inches tall & was wearing *Calvin Klein* purple velour vest with silver fob watch & gold buttons with *Armani* tailored suit coat with matching pink shirt & red polka dot neck scarf, this being set-off with a set of Colt 45's with pearl handles. His boots are by *Christian Dior* with a lovely rose pattern sewn in. Well, he's extremely well dressed! His two accomplices are ruffians in ruff dusty beer stinking denim pants & jackets & wide brim hats with six shooters. (That's a lot of holsters!)

They pulled their guns on the engineer & fireman as soon as the nugget was loaded & the train sped off at 12 MPH headed south for Durango & elsewhere?

The townsfolk who were at the other end of Banister Street celebrating were shocked when Conductor Whip' Lash told them of the robbery & theft of the nugget & the train too. The depot telegraph wires were cut & Radio K-HON3's mobile vehicle unit tires were shot-out to stop transmissions. As luck would have it, a second train was steaming in the yard & the Mayor & Sherriff ordered it to chase the rascally robbers & a posse of eminent townsfolk piled into a gondola car to give chase!

**THE GREAT GOLD ROBBERY
NOW
THE GREAT TRAIN CHASE!**



The outlaws only have a short start with their stolen train but with the weight of the “Fourteener” & it being all down hill to Durango, they expect to get to reckless speeds of 20 MPH or more! Laughter from the robbers & gun shots can be heard echoing back up the valley & they even pinched several cases of “gold-top” DW’s to make matters worse.



Stolen gold is one thing but stealin’ them DW’s means real trouble & those kind Silverton folk look down at such low-handed skullduggery, look down a gun barrel that is!

Those scallywag bandits are going to get a rope strung around them necks if they gets captured by the posse of Silvertarians in the train that’s a chasing them. It’s “open the throttle full up” on the steamer & let’s catch them low-down scoundrels for this is goin ta be some great train chase to recover the DW’s, oh, & the gold nugget too of course. Our Sherriff is “packin’ guns galore!



Once them gits ta Durangie the tracks lead off to anywheres & this chase may be one where it could lead to places & onto other railroads? Them desperate men & they know the law is just behind em givin’ chase so’s them gana do desperate things to avoid cap’cha. Shot-outs, explosions, who knows whats gana happen, but one things fur sure, you-all be reading bout’ it here in dis newspaper because there’s always somethin’ happenin in Silverton.

