

SHOT AND KILLED GOT HOLD OF PISTOL
MEN CHAINED TOGETHER MAKE SUDDEN BREAK FOR LIBERTY JUMPING
FROM TRAIN LARGE POSSE IN PURSUIT

**Every Beating in Territory Being Closely Watched and Country in
Arms, Train Going to Scene.**

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Special to This News,

Sherman, Texas, Dec 24.-A sensational chapter in connection with the wholesale robbery of a lady's furnishing goods store in this city last night was opened today by a report from the Territory to the effect that Sheriff Russell of Hugo, I. T., had been instantly killed, and Sheriff Russell of Grayson County shot in the head and severely wounded by the two men under arrest while being brought from Hugo on the train.

In some way unexplained a pistol was secured by the men, and its presence was not discovered until fire was opened on the officers. The Indian Territory Sheriff dropped at once, and after shooting his fellow officer, the men leaped from the train and disappeared. The report stated further that officers drawn from several directions were making for the scene of special trains.

A train has just arrived over the Frisco, passing Madill, and Sheriff Russell was a passenger. Owing to the fact that the time was limited and he was suffering from his injuries, Sheriff Russell's statement was brief and as follows:

"The prisoners were in custody of W. M. Russell, who is the Sheriff at Hugo, I. T., and the men chained together. There are many theories as to how they got possession of the pistol. I have no positive information, but their break for liberty was sudden and unexpected. Sheriff Russell of Hugo was almost instantly killed. In pursuit of the man who jumped from the train about two miles from Madill, I. T., I fell and hurt my hand.

The best description I can give of the men are that both are neatly dressed in black clothes, wore white collars and neatties. Both are smooth shaved and one has a crooked or broken nose. They were very reticent in discussing themselves. One of them left his hat in the train. Both are young men. The goods in their possession when arrested were positively identified by Mr. Jones as those stolen from his store in Sherman and there was several hundred dollars worth of it. A special train under the direction of Chief of Police D'Spain and officers from the Sheriff's department at Sherman are due to leave for Mead about 2 o'clock this morning. It will carry a large posse."

A telegram from Hugo says that place is in a foment of excitement and a posse is coming from that place. Citizens of Hugo have asked that no

expense be hesitated in the pursuit of the slayer of Sheriff W. M. Russell of that place. Sheriff Russell of Sherman has while enroute home and since his arrival here received assurances that officers at Durant, Madill and every important point in that section of the territory are all closely watching all trains as well as usual means of overland travel and already the country for miles about the scene of the tragedy has been filled with men. Sheriff Russell will not return to the territory on the special train out of the this city, but is in the hands of a surgeon. The affair occurred about 9 o'clock tonight.