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Fight Between the Train Robbers and
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Sontag Captured, Having Probably
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periences of the Bandits.

VISALIA, Cal., June 12.—Another fight
between Evans and Sontag, the train rob-
bers, and police took place last evening.
During the fight an officer was shot in the
leg. Sontag is probably mortally wounded
and Evans escaped to the hills, followed by
a heavy fire. Rapelle, deputy sheriff of
Fresno county, and Fred Jackson, a police-
man from Nevada, have been in the moun-
tains a week hunting for Evans and Sontag,
accompanied by Thomas Burns, who was
with Deputy United States Marshal Black
when he was shot while in Camp Badger
three weeks ago. On Sunday morning they
encamped at a vacant house about eighteen
miles northeast of this city and about six
miles west from Wilcox canyon. About 20
minutes before sunset Rapelle went to the
rear door of the house and saw two men
coming down the hill. They proved to be
Evans and Sontag. Evans was in the lead
and carried a rifle and shotgun, while Sontag
carried a rifle. Jackson, the policeman
who was shot, went to the rear door where Ra-
pelle was standing and said: "They are
the men we have been looking for."

The two men woke up Burns and United
States Marshal Black, who went out of the
front door, and as they were around the
back corner Evans saw Rapelle, and
throwing his rifle to his shoulder, took aim
and fired. Just then Jackson stepped be-
hind Rapelle and opened fire. Evans
was seen to throw up both
hands and fall backwards. Then
the firing began to be general and Sontag
returned the shots with a vengeance. The
Jackson went round the far end of the
house to get a better place from which to
shoot, and as he turned the corner he was
shot in the left leg, between the knee and
ankle. About forty shots were exchanged
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I saw him lying on the bed, and he was a
horrible sight. Blood was all over him and
the shot in the eye gave him a ghastly ap-
pearance. I remarked, "Well, Chris, you
were in a pretty bad fix, ain't you?" "Yes,"
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