

DUNCAN SLUGS OFFICER AND MAKES ESCAPE

Man Held in Jail for Robbing Local Stores Attacks Deputy Sewell.

TRACKED INTO HILLS

Puts Dummy Roll in Bed, Hides Behind Bunk, and Slugs Jailer as He Enters With Food.

Lee Duncan, alias R. G. Harper, being held for the grand jury under a charge of burglary, escaped from the county jail this morning, after a battle with Deputy Sheriff George Sewell. He was slugged over the head with a black jack improvised from several old socks, and a china teacup.

Duncan is the man charged with the robbery of the Montgomery machine shop, Imperial Cleaners, Economy Grocery and Wilder and Agee's. He was arrested at Coos Bay, charged with robberies there, but was brought back to Roseburg, a stronger case against him being provided by his crimes in this city.

Duncan's cot was located directly in front and across the range from the entrance to the main cell in the county jail. It is the usual custom of the deputy sheriff to take the prisoners in to their breakfast about 8 o'clock and at the same time to take in a bucket of coal for their fire.

Duncan took advantage of this arrangement by rolling his blankets up to appear as if he were still in bed. As the prisoners seldom arise until their breakfast call comes, the roll in the bed completely fooled the officer.

"I had just entered the cell and started to place the load of coal by the stove, when Duncan struck me, Mr. Sewell said. "The blow sort of stunned me, but didn't knock me down. I grabbed him and we scuffled on the floor. I got the saw away from him, but I was handicapped by my overcoat, and he broke loose from me and ran out the door. I followed him, but the blood running down from my head blinded me and I couldn't see where he went after he turned the corner of the jail."

Mr. Sewell had several cuts on his head and face, where he was struck with. Mr. Sewell said, "The socks being shattered in several places during the melee."

Duncan had remained in hiding near the door as the deputy entered and struck him from behind, evidently believing that the blow would be sufficient to knock the officer unconscious.

The arrangement of the jail has been responsible for several attacks on officers and in several cases the men have been badly hurt.

A person enters the jail through the main front door, then turns to the right into a small vestibule. There is a small door at the left of the vestibule opening into a large room in which is situated the big lattice work cage in which prisoners are kept. Instead of being square the entrance to this cage is recessed in one corner. The recessed part is very poorly lighted, and upon entering a person is unable to see distinctly for a short time. The bunks are kept in the main cage and it is possible for prisoners

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65 Western Railroads, Claiming Inability to Maintain Service, Plead for Higher Freight Rates

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Western railroads cannot continue to maintain adequate transportation service under the present general level of freight rates, they declared today in the text of a joint brief filed with the Interstate Commerce commission.

Reductions in rates on agricultural products in recent years, the document declared, have already "menaced the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation in the west." The railroads asked the commission, which is now engaged in preliminaries to a general investigation of all railroad rates, to treat separately the study of the western railroad situation and to "obtain by additional inquiry, whether there are not particular classes of traffic and particular traffic of industrial projects which cannot bear increased charges."

Supporting the contentions the brief contained estimates of earnings intended to show that for 1924 the return upon railroad investment in the west was 3.87 percent as compared with 4.33 percent in the remainder of the United States. In addition, wage payments of western railroads were given as 192 percent of their payments in 1916.

The tax accounts of western railroads in 1924 were placed at 369 percent of their tax accounts in 1914 while in the United States as a whole, the brief said, the increase had made the 1924 payments 334 percent of those of 1911. The receivership of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad was cited.

TUMULTUOUS HERRIN BATTLES AT POLL.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
HERRIN, Ill., April 21.—With three recent bombings to mar more than two months of peace in Herrin, the center of Williamson county's factional strife, hope and apprehension were paramount while citizens cast their ballots today in the hottest city election in years.

The contest was between the conservative party, sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan, and the citizens' party, supported by the anti-Klan faction. Chief interest was in the race for mayor, in which Thomas Wally was the conservative candidate, and Marshall D. McCormack, the citizens' nominee.

SIDEWALKS NOT TO BE ORDERED IN LAURELWOOD

Council Assures Residents Rumors Being Circulated Are Unfounded.

PLAT TO BE CHANGED

Council Withholds Adoption of Amended Plat of New Section Until Alterations Made.

The city council met last night in its regular session, the meeting being short, as there were only a few matters of business to be considered.

The greater part of the evening was spent considering sidewalks and the new approved plat in Laurelwood.

A delegation consisting of more than twenty of the residents of Laurelwood attended the meeting last night and discussed the sidewalk situation with the council. They stated that there had been a rumor to the effect that the council intended to force sidewalks in the addition, and a written protest was submitted.

C. S. Heilmann acted as spokesman and told the council that at the time the residential district was opened it was understood by persons buying land there that there were to be no sidewalks built. There is no need or demand for walks it was stated, and on the other hand the property is more attractive without the walks.

Many persons bought land on time payments, he stated, and are paying for their property, pavement and sewers, and to be forced to add sidewalks would be a great burden. A number of them have also built steps, driveways, and other permanent improvements up to the curb line, on the belief that sidewalks were not to be required, and these persons would be put to a great expense if the walks were ordered in. Mr. Heilmann stated. Retaining walls would be needed in some cases, he said, and altogether an order forcing sidewalks would work a great hardship.

M. S. Hamm stated that insofar as the school plans have been developed, that there is nothing on record to the effect that the school board expects or desires to open up any of the streets in Laurelwood for general traffic.

Mr. Lilburn stated that Laurelwood had been patterned after

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DAWES AIMS TO BREAK POWER OF A MINORITY

Majority's Will too Often Thwarted Under Present Rules of Senate.

PROGRESS IS BARRED

Modification Is Sought By Vice-President in His Appeal for Help From Public.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, in speaking today at the annual luncheon of The Associated Press, gave his views on reform of the rules of the senate.

Frank Noyes, president of The Associated Press, introduced Mr. Dawes as a man with a "wonderful record of achievement," "a radiant personality," and one who "has now cut out for himself a man-sized job."

Speaking at the 25th anniversary luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria, the vice-president said that the movement for limitation of debate in the senate was non-partisan, non-sectional and patriotic.

"The issue," he said, "is this: Shall the senate continue unchanged its existing rules which admittedly make possible, at times, the exercise by a minority or even one senator of power to block the purpose of a majority of the senate to legislate."

"It is important," he continued, "that the senate's rules give every senator a square deal, but it is imperative that they give the American people a square deal."

The extra-constitutional powers of senators in this connection, Mr. Dawes said, were subversive of the principles of representative constitutional government.

Answering several arguments against a cloture, the vice-president said: "The purpose is not to prevent senators from fully discussing a question, but to make impossible the prolonging of debate to prevent a majority from settling a question."

Mr. Dawes appealed to citizens to make known to their senators their idea on the question. He added:

"Under the Constitution, the two houses of Congress make their own rules. Since the Senate acts under its constitutional right in making its rules, the Senate and the Senate alone can modify them. I am of course aware that each Senator realizes that to change the present rule to provide better cloture he must individually relinquish a potential right of obstruction which at times he can use either wholly to thwart the will of the majority or compel an unwilling majority to accept a modification of legislation imposed by him. But knowing that this power has been built up by the slow crystallization of custom into rules for which no party or any individual Senator is responsible, and with full confidence in the patriotism and integrity of Senators when they confront a question of plain duty affecting the interest of the nation, I have appealed to them for their rectification of rule 22, so as to protect the majority of the Senate in its constitutional right to legislate."

"And more than this, I now appeal to the citizens of the different states to impress upon their individual Senators by correspondence, by resolution or petition their attitude on this proposition. If the people believe in this reform in government, their belief should be reflected in the attitude of the Senators themselves. In rectifying the rule, the United States Senate is responsive to public sentiment, but Senators must know that in the States which they represent this sentiment exists."

OREGON TELEPHONE EXPERT KILLED IN FALL DOWN STAIRS

SALEM, Ore., April 21.—E. T. Bussey, prominent business man of this city, died early today as a result of a fall down the stairs of his home Sunday night. He opened a door to a flight of stairs which he thought led upstairs, but which actually led to the basement. He fell the 100 feet, receiving serious spinal injuries.

Mr. Bussey was formerly telephone expert for the public service commission, and handled many important telephone decisions. Immediately previous to his death he was an engineer connected with the telephone service, with headquarters in San Francisco.

OREGON FOREST FIRE FIGHTERS WAGE 30 TO 50 CENTS PER HOUR.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., April 21.—The state board of forestry yesterday re-elected F. A. Elliott state forester for an indefinite period. Under the new forestry law, the board re-organized for the first time in 14 years. It went on record in favor of a standardized wage in forest fire fighting—30 cents an hour minimum and 50 cents maximum. The board also went on record in favor of standardized fire fighting equipment.

PIERCE PROTESTS MANIPULATION OF PRICES OF GRAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., April 21.—Declaring that millions of dollars have been taken from innocent citizens by unscrupulous speculators, Governor Pierce today sent a telegram to President Coolidge, demanding, on behalf of the people of Oregon, an investigation into the methods of the Chicago Board of Trade in the manipulation of grain prices.

"Oregon demands immediate and thorough investigation of Chicago Board of Trade methods in recent manipulations of grain prices," says the telegram. "Unquestionably the market has been controlled and millions taken from innocent citizens by unscrupulous speculation. During the last year our government prevented such speculation. Why not prevent it now?"

The governor left for Portland before the telegram was made public, and on whose advice he was acting was not known at his office.

BISHOP SUMNER LAWSUIT WINNER OVER FRUIT LAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., April 21.—A decision in favor of the right Rev. William T. Sumner, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, has been returned in the circuit court in a suit filed jointly against J. A. Newell, orchard owner; Jackson county, an Oregon Growers Corporation, for the foreclosure of a mortgage for \$2,500, and clearing of the title to the land. The foreclosure proceedings were directed against Newell and the Oregon Growers Corporation.

The decree and findings handed down by Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas hold that a judgment lien of the Oregon Growers is subsequent to the right of the plaintiff, but that Jackson county holds "no claim on the property." The lien for money expended in blight control, and was disallowed no legal action to enforce or collect, was taken within the statutory time of six months.

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DRIVER OF DEATH AUTOMOBILE IS EX-ROSEBURGER

C. H. Bussey, mentioned in the Eugene dispatch in yesterday's issue of the News-Review, in connection with the accidental death of Mrs. G. N. Swincheart at Cottage Grove, is well known in Roseburg, where he formerly worked for the Standard Oil company. Later, Mr. Bussey was transferred to the company's plant at Myrtle Creek, and from there received promotion to the management of the company's business at Cottage Grove.

Bussey swerved the automobile he was driving to avoid collision with a truck, which presented his view of the woman and caused him to strike her. The woman was knocked to the pavement with such force as to fracture her skull, causing her death as she was being rushed to the hospital at Eugene.

Mr. Bussey is reported to have been driving at a slow rate of speed at the time of the accident. An inquest will be held in Eugene this evening.

FLAMES THREATEN CENTER OF MEXICAN SILVER INDUSTRY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NOGALES, Ariz., April 21.—The entire city of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, probably will be destroyed by a fire that began early today, unless the flames are checked soon, says a dispatch to the Nokes Herald late today. Damage aggregating \$500,000 already has been done and one life has been lost, advices received here say.

A high wind is fanning the fire. Hundreds of families have been made homeless by the blaze. Fifteen large business buildings and over 150 residences have already been wiped out.

Cananea is situated forty miles south of the American border. It has a population of 150,000. It is internationally famous for its immense silver mines.

RAY MATCH IS OFF; HAND MAY TAKE ON VOKEL OR MEYERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Johnny Meyers, world's middleweight wrestling champion, is to meet Ralph Hand of Cottage Grove, Ore., or Mike Vokel of Salt Lake City, here April 29, promoter Virgil Hamlin announced today. A match scheduled for Wednesday night of this week between Ralph Hand and Tom Ray of Samoa, Cal., has been cancelled following word from Ray that he was unable to reach here in time.

ENTERTAINMENT TO BE OFFERED BY HIGH SCHOOL P. T. A.

Roseburg people will have the privilege of attending a rare and most entertaining program to-night, when they hear the Anthony Ewer entertainment at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The P. T. A. students will be there almost en masse, as the English instructors are offering credits to students for attendance. Through courtesy of the high school P. T. A., which is sponsoring the entertainment, high school students, and pupils of the 5th and 8th grades will be given complimentary tickets to the program. The regular admission price is 25 cents.

The program will include a musical introduction by Ott's orchestra, a vocal solo by Mrs. Fred Strank, readings by Anthony Ewer and a cello solo by Mrs. Melvin.

FIVE AIRPLANE BASES FOR FOREST PATROLS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The department of agriculture today completed plans for using airplanes for forest fire patrol in the west. An appropriation of \$50,000 for the work will be available July 1.

Large forest reserves will be patrolled after each electrical storm. Five bases will be established, two in California and one each in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The planes probably will be contributed by the army air service and the pilots recruited from the reserve corps.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

American League	
At Detroit	R. H. E.
Cleveland	3 10 1
Detroit	4 9 0
Batteries: Shantzle and Myatt; White, Hill, Holloway and Hasler.	
At Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Washington	5 8 0
Philadelphia	2 7 1
Batteries: Magridge and Ruel; Groves, Baumgartner and Perkins.	
At New York	R. H. E.
Boston	1 9 6
New York	5 12 8
Batteries: Fuhr, Kaffie and Pielnich; Jones and O'Neill.	

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Skies were overcast this morning, but the weather man promises clear weather this afternoon for the opening game here of the Pacific Coast baseball league between Oakland and Portland. The game started at 2:45, following a parade.

Rain began about 2 o'clock and continued falling as the crowd was gathering at the ball park.

NEW MINISTRY MAKES KNOWN MAIN POLICIES

France to Be Called Upon for Big Sacrifice to Lift War Debt.

JEERS FOR CAILLAUX

Restoration of Embassy at Vatican Contemplated—Senate Silent But Deputies Noisy.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PARIS, April 21.—The ultimate imposition of drastic financial measures, maintenance of the embargo of internal dispensation, but above all, real security for France were the prime points in the ministerial declaration of the Painleve-Cailiaux-Briand cabinet read before the Chamber of Deputies and the senate this afternoon. A tumult in the chamber and absolute silence in the senate greeted the declaration when its reading began.

In the chamber there were both booms and cheering. Finance Minister Cailiaux was greeted with cries of "Dolo—Dolo"—a reference to the executed war time traitor, Bolo Pasha, with whom Cailiaux was at one time accused of associating.

France has had a "bitter disillusionment," the statement declared, but was determined to look the facts in the face.

The statement appealed to the "national concord" with reference to the finances, as well as to the religious questions.

Regarding the finances, the statement declared: "When we have succeeded finally in restoring to the budget so that it cannot be questioned, we will take the state out of the role of banker which it has been made to fill. Then we will be obliged to ask big sacrifices of the nation. We shall appeal to all citizens in the atmosphere of national concord."

The government pronounced in favor of the maintenance of a diplomatic representative of the Vatican, calling the official a "highly qualified representative," instead of an ambassador.

The declaration makes the reduction and re-organization of the army contingent upon success of the negotiations for the complete "tranquillization of Europe and security for the French frontiers."

The government said it would go slowly and carefully in applying the French laws to Alsace-Lorraine.

"This," it added, "cannot be pursued except with the best of counsel, in full respect for acquired rights and the greatest care for general understanding and for national unity."

During the reading of the declaration in the senate there was applause only when Jules Steeg, the minister of justice, voiced the pasted regarding the security of Europe. There was ironical laughter at the phrase "no useless controversies." After the reading the senate adjourned until Thursday, awaiting the chamber's decision on the new ministry, and Premier Painleve's appearance in the upper Chamber.

The declaration reaffirmed the Heriot minister's policy of security and reassured Poland as to France's position on this question. "Faithful to all its allies, just and pacific towards all nations," says the statement, "France has the profound desire to give to the world the repose and stability of which it has such great need; but the first conditions of a stable peace, is that France herself be secure."

Cailiaux, who was the storm center of the tumult in the Chamber of Deputies, sat rigid on the government bench, never looking to the right or left, and never acknowledging by a single motion either the cries of hatred of the right or cheers of applause of the radicals.

The chamber was about evenly divided in point of numbers with its applause and booms, but its opposition made more noise, and Painleve was obliged to stop after every sentence of the declaration, while cries of "Cailiaux, Cailiaux, Cailiaux—" greeted him.

When the premier reached that part of the declaration dealing with the security problem, there were interruptions from the right with "Hindenburg" and "Crosby."

The premier's reference to the

SUTHERLIN STUDENT WINS SECOND PRIZE IN STATE CONTEST.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Charles T. Cooke of Pendleton won first prize in the annual state-wide essay contest conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution. The subject was "The Campaign of General Burgoyne and its Consequences." Second prize went to Wilbur Williams, Sutherlin; third to Edith P. Manning, of Gervais Union high school.

PROSECUTION'S STAR WITNESS GOES ON STAND

Senator Wheeler's Counsel Asks Time to Prepare Refutation.

COURT CONSIDERING

Defense Scorns Directed Verdict and Declares All Facts Will Go to the Jury.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 21.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief of defense counsel for Senator Burton K. Wheeler, notified Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich in the trial today that he had summoned four witnesses from the east to meet the testimony of the government's star witness, George B. Hayes, New York attorney.

He asked the court for a continuance of the defense's case pending the arrival of the witnesses in Great Falls. Judge Dietrich took the request under advisement.

Senator Walsh said he would call Henry Stern of Buffalo, N. Y., who took Hayes before the senate committee which investigated the department of justice; two character witnesses from New York, and another witness from Washington.

Without asking a directed verdict in favor of Senator Wheeler, defense counsel went forward today with its announced purpose of "putting all the facts before the jury."

"We don't want a directed verdict," declared W. F. O'Leary, one of the Wheeler attorneys. "We want every opportunity for giving all the facts to the jury for determination of guilt or innocence."

George B. Hayes the government's star witness, against the Montana senator, was the first to be called to the stand.

Under questioning by Senator Thomas J. Walsh of defense counsel, Hayes said that he was called before the Brookhart committee investigating the department of

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GOVERNMENT OF SELF BEST SAYS PRES. COOLIDGE

Good Citizenship Would Reduce Demand for Legislation.

LIVE UP TO IDEALS

Initiative of the Individual Preferable to Force—Immigration Law Commended.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Coolidge, in an address of welcome here last night before the annual convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution, expressed the view that the only way to avoid the "constant interposition of the government into practically all the affairs of the people" is for them "to adopt a correct course of action, to provide the proper standards of conduct by their own motion."

Commending members of the organization for their efforts "to raise the civic ideal, to make better citizens, to resist evil influences, to cast out corruption—in short, to live up the average of American life to the full level of its highest aspirations," the president continued:

"It is my belief that in the pursuit of these purposes and the taking of these actions you are putting the ideals of the revolutionary period into practical effect. It is important to note that the efforts which you are making, the duties which you are performing, are not being sought through the interposition of organized government. They are the voluntary acts of our citizens taken through their own initiative. In adopting this course of action you are in the best sense of the term, ministering to the ideal of self government."

"We have heard in the past, and are likely to hear in the future, very much discussion about the interposition of the government through legislation into the business and private affairs of the people. Insofar as this is a reflection of an ideal, requiring and demanding a higher standard of conduct, we ought to rejoice at it and support it, but when we see that it is not wholly successful, we ought to remember that it is at best but a temporary makeshift, an effort to make things better, and that we can not expect through these methods to attain perfection."

"There is only one way in modern civilization with its broad privileges of franchise, with its representative legislative bodies, to avoid the constant interposition of the government into practically all the affairs of the people, and that is for the people to adopt a correct course of action, to provide the proper standards of conduct by their own motion. If they do not want government through public action, they must provide it through private action. That is

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Coming of Wales Arouses South African Hostility; Blood Flows and Boycott Propaganda Starts

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, April 21.—A special dispatch from Cape Town reports the outbreak at Bloemfontain, where four natives were killed and a number injured yesterday by police during a riot, as indicating "an alarming and increasing restlessness among the South African natives," inflamed by the Kaffir agitators and by bolshevik and communist influences. One feature of the present unrest is said to be a movement to boycott the Princes of Wales when he arrives. The Cape Town Correspondent of the Valley Express says thousands of handbills have been distributed among the natives of Johannesburg, urging them to

boycott the Prince "as the natives of India did" and adding: "British imperialism, whose representative is about to visit South Africa, is largely responsible for your expulsions."

Bloemfontain dispatches last night said the riot originated in an attempt by police to seize a quantity of Kaffir beer.

Other dispatches say the riots are a part of a wider movement fomented by native leaders, bent on attaining a higher status for the blacks. It is known that the meetings have been held here at which speeches of an extremist nature were delivered and enthusiastically received.

It is uncertain however, whether there is any communist influence behind the agitation.

The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 54
Lowest temp. last night 45
Cloudy Tonight and Wednesday.

On rainy days the fools
Need not race the trains,
But drive on slippery streets
Without their skids and chains.