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DUNCAN CELL YIELDS PEPPER AND SIX SAWS

Officers Frustrate Another Attempt of Prisoner to Make Escape.

GIVEN ASSISTANCE

Officers Charge Fellow Prisoner With Aiding Duncan by Passing Articles to Cell.

Another attempt of Lee Duncan to escape from the county jail was frustrated this morning when officers found six hacksaw blades, a can of red pepper, and a flashlight in his cell. George A. Hudson, a prisoner confined for having liquor in his possession, is accused of having slipped these articles to Duncan, and his case will be investigated by the May grand jury which meets on the 18th. In the meantime Hudson is being kept in close confinement, and the trusty privileges, which he has previously enjoyed, have been taken from him.

The hacksaw blades were found carefully hidden in a comfort taken from Duncan's bed, the flashlight and an improvised pepper can were in his mattress, and a bottle of pepper was found on top of the cell.

Hudson, who is accused of having aided Duncan, was arrested a few days ago, when officers found a quantity of beer and wine in his tent on Douglas street. He was fined $200 and having no money was committed to the county jail to serve out his time. He expressed a desire to work in the yard and was given the privileges of a trusty and has been busy transplanting rose bushes, and cleaning up the yard.

Yesterday, it is stated, he was not seen for a few minutes, but a little later was back at his work, and officers thought nothing of the matter. This morning, however, when they made their daily search of Duncan's cell, they noticed that a little plaster had been knocked off above the cage where he was confined.

Hudson has been given a cell on the upper floor. This section of the jail is used largely for storeroom purposes, and is not securely locked, although doorways prevent the prisoners confined there from reaching the lower floor where the main cage is situated.

Upon continuing their search, the officers found in Hudson's cell that some boards under an old cupboard had been loosened, and that this had given a hole through which, by breaking off a little plaster, would allow a person to drop through on top of Duncan's cell.

The top of the cage in which Duncan is a prisoner, is covered with dust, and marks indicated plainly that some person had been on top and apparently had walked around. Lying on one of the sections of grating the officers found a small bottle filled with red pepper, the bottle being wrapped in paper while around the package a wire had been twisted. This piece of paper fitted an April 14 edition of the News-Review found in Hudson's cell. The piece of wire wrapped around the package had been broken from a coil of wire in the cupboard in Hudson's cell. The can in which the pepper had originally been contained was also in Hudson's cell, but, as it was too big to be passed through the small grating, the pepper had been transferred to a bottle.

Officers continued their search but could find nothing more at that time. However, to be safe they took out all of Duncan's bedding, which is all that is allowed him in his cell, and placed in a new mattress and covering. A careful search then revealed the other articles.

There were six hacksaw blades, one broken, a flashlight, and a shaker can improvised from a shaving stick container. In the bottom of this can a number of holes had been punched, it evidently being the intention of the prisoner to transfer the pepper from the bottle to the shaker can, which being small and round was of a size which could have been slipped through the grating. The pepper would have enabled Duncan to have temporarily blinded his jailor and to have made another effort to escape, if he had been unable to cut his way out with the hacksaw blades. A sharpened wire apparently used to make the holes in the can, was found on Hudson's person.

Duncan laughingly remarked, when the officers found the articles upon which he was basing his hope for an escape, that he guessed he would have to give up escaping until he reached the penitentiary.

Hudson, however, does not take the matter so lightly. He was im-

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Mrs. Coolidge as Girl Scout

The First Lady of the Land is also the First Girl Scout of the Land. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge is seen in her uniform as honorary president of the Girl Scout organization.

FOUR BALLOONS COMPETING FOR HONORS IN RACE

Winner to Represent U. S. in International Race—Five Take Off.

ONE WILL BE PILOT

Big Bags Head Southwest But Course Will Be Changed—Messages to Be Dropped.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 2. — Of the five balloons that started from here yesterday evening in the national elimination races one had landed in Kansas, two had been sighted in Central Arkansas and the remaining two had not been heard from at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Meanwhile it was hinted at the starting field here that two of the pilots, Captain H. E. Honeywell of the St. Joseph balloon and H. V. Thaden of the Detroit might be disqualified for failure to inflate their bags along with the other contestants.

The Detroit landed at 2:30 a. m., near Selma, Kansas, having covered about 130 miles airline.

Pilot Theaden said he was forced to quit the race because of a leaky gas bag.

Two unidentified balloons high in the clouds, travelling slowly eastward were sighted about noon near Searcy, Ark., about 375 miles from the starting point.

Honeywell and Thaden refused to inflate their balloons with the others yesterday because of the wind. As a result, according to officials, they gained about an hour's advantage in fresh gains over the other entries. This officials said is prohibited by the rules.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 2. — Daylight today saw five balloons in the national elimination race headed southwestward, probably over Southern or Southeastern Missouri. National Aeronautic Association officials early today anxiously awaited word from the balloons that left Rosecrans Field here late yesterday to contest for the honor of representing the United States in the international balloon races.

Four of the balloons, those piloted by Captain H. E. Honeywell, veteran of 25 years experience, W. T. Van Orman, winner of the race last year; Herbert V. Thaden and Lieutenant William J. Flood, are those contesting for the coveted positions in the international race. Those balloons finishing in the lead are eligible to enter. The fifth balloon led the way for the racers. The pilot was to drop messages today telling of his position, speed and experiences. The messages are to be delivered to N. A. A. officials here and to The Associated Press.

The big bags took off late yesterday and headed toward the southeast and the weather bureau predicted they would follow that course to the vicinity of Memphis, Tenn., where they would head eastward with the wind toward the Atlantic coast. The last report from the balloons last night that three had passed over Liberty, Mo., and another over Kansas City.

OCEAN STORMS WRECK VESSELS AND KILL FIVE

North Atlantic Lashed by Driving Easterly Wind and Heavy Rains.

MANTLED WITH FOG

Crews of Steamers in Danger—Hopes Held Out That Rescue May Be Affected.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HALIFAX, May 2.—The North Atlantic, heavily mantled with fog and lashed by a driving easterly wind and rain, has taken toll of five lives, two steamers and one three masted schooner since last Thursday afternoon. The crew of one of the steamers at last reports, still was in imminent danger. The Nova Scotia schooner Cape D'Or went down Thursday night three minutes after being rammed by the steamer Clackamas off Sambro lightship.

Mrs. Margaret Leone Wilkie, wife of the captain; including the captain's brother, were drowned. Captain Wilkie and two other men were rescued. Two steamers, the Azov, ashore on the Southern Cape Breton coast and the Moldegaard, a Norwegian boat, ashore off Pennant Point, were expected to be total losses. According to last reports, last night, both boats were being pounded to pieces by the high seas. The twenty five men aboard the Azov managed to reach shore in their boats; but the crew of the Moldegaard was unable to do this and seas were running too high to permit the dominion government steamer Stanley, standing by, to approach. Hopes were held out that rescue might be effected this morning.

Captain Ralph McKenzie of the fishing schooner Archie F. McKenzie, reported late last night that about eight miles south of the Liverpool automatic buoy he had sighed what he believed to be a schooner of about 300 tons bottom up and drifting shoreward. This however, is believed to be the wreckage of the Cape D'Or, as no other vessels have been reported in distress.

The Moldegaard was sighted by the Stanley early today off Shutin Island east of the entrance of Halifax Harbor. A wireless message to the department of marine and fisheries stated that a lifeboat from the government steamer was rescuing the crew of the Norwegian boat.

PERUSING TESTIMONY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, May 2.—Assistants of States Attorney Crowe today were perusing the testimony at two days sessions of the inquest into the deaths of William N. McClintock, Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock and Dr. Oscar Olson, in preparation for the trial of William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder of young "Billy" McClintock by the administration of typhoid germs. The trial is set for May 18. The inquest will be resumed Monday.

NEGRO BEATS WOMAN AND STEALS JEWELS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, May 3.—After a desperate battle with a negro burglar, Mrs. Gertrude White, wife of the manager of a railroad contracting firm here, was beaten into unconsciousness and her fingers and wrists stripped of jewels valued at $10,000, while her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold White, ran from the house to seek aid. The robber, who escaped, was described as about 33 years old.

The women, who were alone in the house, had just finished dinner on the lower floor and were going upstairs when they noticed the negro on the second floor. He motioned for the women to come toward him and as the elder Mrs. White stepped forward he overpowered her and fled.

Sob Sisters Responsible For Freedom of Desperadoes Who Are Sought Says Cal. Governor

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 2.—Governor Richardson today issued a statement declaring that the crimes of Joe Tanko and Floyd Hall, escaped San Quentin convicts and murderers, should prove a valuable lesson to "sob sisters" whose influence caused the San Mateo county jury to give the slayers of the city marshal of San Bruno life imprisonment rather than the death penalty.

The governors statement issued in connection with his official announcement of $500 reward offered by him for the capture of Hall and Tanko, dead or alive, is as follows:

"Joe Tanko and Floyd Hall committed a particularly cold-blooded murder in San Mateo county. The city marshal of San Bruno appre-

JOSEPH TANKO — FLOYD HALL

These two men are wanted for murder and assault on two charges and a reward of $500 will be paid for them.

hended them for violating a traffic rule and followed them on a motorcycle and tried to stop them.

"The criminals ran the marshal into the curb so he fell off his motorcycle and broke his leg. Then these two young criminals stopped their car and went back and shot the officer in cold blood.

"The jury, owing to the sob sister influence gave them life imprisonment. These men had criminal records and had been in reform schools in another state. While in state's prison they succeeded in escaping and have since been terrorizing different communities. They have killed one citizen and wounded an officer.

"If society is to be protected against murders the law must be rigidly enforced. It is particularly important every criminal who murders a police officer should be severely dealt with, as these officers are simply representing the majesty of the state. When a criminal attacks an officer he is in effect defying the state.

"I sincerely hope that the criminal exploits of these two young murderers will be a warning to kind hearted but misguided bob sisters."

FIVE MEN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH SLAYING

Murder of Young Woman Remains as Much a Mystery as Ever.

LACK IDENTIFICATION

Case Attacked From Several Different Angles—Identity Is Badly Shaken Today.

GARY, Ind., May 2.—The charred and mutilated body of a young woman found near Chesteron, Ind., is not that of Mrs. Josephine Desiderio, 21 year old Gary mother, it was announced definitely today after Dr. G. F. Laue, prominent Gary dentist, announced his chart of Mrs. Desiderio's teeth did not correspond with that of the body found alongside the Furnessville road last Sunday.

GARY, Ind., May 2.—Five men were held here and in Chicago today in connection with the mystery of the burned and malmed body of a young woman found Sunday near here. But questioning them failed to pierce materially the blank wall against which investigators found themselves after a week of effort.

The belief, at first positive, that the woman was Mrs. Josephine Desiderio, 21-year old mother of three children, which wavered yesterday, was further shaken today when James A. Brown, Fort Wayne, Ind., said the body resembled his missing niece, Mrs. Mabel Wahls Miller, 23.

Brown, with Samuel Jackson, Allen county, Indiana, prosecutor, and Samuel Immel, Fort Wayne deputy sheriff, caused the detention in Chicago of Ellsworth C. Miller, husband of Brown's niece. The uncle told the police that Miller and his wife were married two years ago in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and that there was frequently trouble between them.

Six weeks ago, Brown said, Miller and his wife visited Brown in Fort Wayne and later left. From then until last Monday Brown said, he had not heard from them. Then he was told by Miller, that his wife had been missing since April 6, and that he had gone to Columbus, Ohio, in search of her, believing she had drowned there. Brown said the Columbus police told him no woman had been drowned there. Mrs. Miller, Brown told the police, had worn shoes similar to the one found near the body. Miller admitted he and his wife had quarrelled and said she had threatened to shoot him. He told questioners she had left Chicago on April 6th in an automobile to go to Fort Wayne and he had not heard from her since.

Three other men taken in Chicago were Fred and Harry Desiderio, brothers of Louis Desiderio, husband of Josephine, and Claude A. Ferini, their cousin. They were brought here for questioning. They denied knowing the whereabouts of the husband, who is sought by the police, and said they had opposed his marriage to the girl.

Also held in Gary was Samuel Ross, who aided his identification of the body as that of Mrs. Desiderio to the recognition made by her parents today and Mrs. Bernardo Genero of Gary. Their identifications, however were discounted after William J. Smurdon, a Gary constable said he had talked to Mrs. Desiderio last Tuesday, three days after the body was found. A. J. Haller, Gary attorney for Mrs. Desiderio at one time, and his stenographer, asserted positively that the body was not that of Mrs. Desiderio.

NOT MURDER CASE.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, May 2.—Investigation of the death of Mrs. W. H. Babcock, wealthy widow, whose bruised and battered body was found in her apartment house here last Tuesday, has been dropped by police with the announcement that they were convinced it was not a case of murder.

The three skull fractures, eight broken ribs and other injuries revealed by an autopsy after the death originally had been listed as "due to natural causes" apparently were sustained by Mrs. Babcock in a fall from a kitchen stool, detectives said. A coroner's jury Thursday returned an open verdict of murder.

MAN DROPS LAMP; BURNED TO DEATH

EUGENE, Ore., May 2—The body of W. G. Sharman, resident of Hecteta, on the western Lane county coast, was found by his wife in their blazing home according to a telegram received here today. It is believed that he died of heart disease as he was carrying a lamp downstairs and that the lamp shattered as he fell, setting fire to the home.

Neighbors who investigated declared that there were no signs of foul play and that the heart failure theory seemed most plausible.

OREGON TRUNK RAILWAY LINE TO BE EXTENDED

Northern Pacific Directors Order Expansion and Immediate Location.

INVOLVES BIG SUM

Over Six Million to Be Expended in Extending Line From Bend to Klamath Falls.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 2. — Official action was taken yesterday in New York by the directors of the Northern Pacific Railway Company toward extending the Oregon Trunk Line Railway from Bend to Klamath Falls and on to a connection with the Western Pacific Railway in California, according to the officials of the Northern Pacific the Oregon Trunk and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway here late yesterday.

Already the Great Northern Railway, through Ralph Budd, president has declared its intention of invading the Klamath Falls region. Both the northern lines own the Spokane, Portland and Seattle system, one of whose subsidiaries is the Oregon Trunk reaching from the Columbia river to Bend, 150 miles.

News of the decision of the Northern Pacific to join with its ally, the Great Northern, in invading the Klamath Falls region, was received through a telegram late yesterday from President Charles Donnelly to A. D. Charlton, general passenger agent. The message from New York was to the effect that the directors by unanimous vote had authorized the Oregon Trunk to make application to the interstate commerce commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to permit construction of the new line.

The Northern Pacific directors also ordered that immediate definite location of the line be made, the message added.

The locations have been made for the southerly extension of the Oregon Trunk line from Bend. One is to connect with the Southern Pacific's Eugene-Klamath Falls cutoff at Crescent, which would traverse the westerly border of the great pine timber tracts in that region, the other line would be through the easterly limits of this timber. It is said that the latter route is favored by the Northern Pacific-Great Northern executives. The distance from Bend to Klamath Falls is 147 miles by one location and 160 via another surveyed route, but if the Northern lines are permitted to connect with the Southern Pacific's cutoff at Crescent and jointly use the cutoff into Klamath Falls the distance to build would be reduced to 85 miles. This question, raised by the Union Pacific is pending before the Interstate commerce commission.

The Oregon Trunk extension from Bend to Klamath Falls will require an outlay of approximately $6,500,000 and require 18 months to complete, according to W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle system and of its subsidiary, the Oregon Trunk.

President Turner expressed gratification over the announcement of President Donnelly of the Northern Pacific, Turner pointed out that the plan to extend the Oregon Trunk on to California via Klamath Falls, is but carrying through the intention of James J. Hill, that the Great Northern-Northern Pacific joint line ultimately would reach to San Francisco Bay via Bend and Klamath Falls from the Columbia River. The belief still prevails among railroad officials, that whatever extension of the northern lines from Bend south and from Burns to Bend will be made jointly with the Union Pacific. Some authorities have declared that an agreement to this effect was made when the two groups made a compact for joint operation of half of the mileage of the Oregon Trunk and Union Pacific between the Columbia river and Bend. It is said that this compact includes a prospective extension of the Prineville road toward Bend.

Frenchs Leaves for Coast—

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. French left this morning by auto for the coast, where they will spend the next several weeks visiting. Mr. French will look after property interests in Bandon, where he intends to erect a residence in the future. They will return here for the strawberry festival.

"$100,000 Legs" Walk to Altar

Cecille Evans, famed Sennett bathing beauty is going to marry Kenneth Fitzpatrick, Los Angeles man. Cecille is known as "the girl with the $100,000 legs" because the movie company holds a policy on them for that amount.

BAND WILL PLAY AT COURT HOUSE SQUARE SUNDAY

First Outdoor Concert of Season to Be Given at 3 P. M. Tomorrow.

MRS. STRANG TO SING

Vocal Solo With Band Accompaniment Will Be One of Features of Fine Program.

Music week will be ushered in tomorrow by programs in practically all of the churches of the city. One of the other interesting features of the day will be the band concert to be given at the court house yard. This concert will start at 3 o'clock sharp, and will last about an hour. In the event of rain, the concert will be given at the high school, but it is believed that the weather will permit the first outdoor program of the season. The band is now under the direction of Mr. Dale Strange, and is practicing twice each week. Besides preparing for the summer concert season, the musicians are getting in readiness for the carnival season, and also have several other very important engagements in prospect.

Their program Sunday afternoon will feature the very best of band music, particularly some of the new selections by K. L. King, as well as some of his most popular numbers.

Mrs. Fred L. Strang will sing "The Holy City" with band accompaniment. Mrs. Strang frequently sings with the band, and her solos are always greatly enjoyed.

The program for the afternoon will be as follows:

March, "The Huntress," King.
Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna," Suppe.
Caprice, "Alili," Losey.
Waltz, "Il Bacio," Arditi.
Vocal Solo, "The Holy City," Adams, Mrs. Fred Strang.
Overture, "Princess of India," King.
Serenade, "A Night in June," King.
March, "Vanguard of Democracy," King.

Miss Helen Churchill, who has been attending O. A. C. this winter, arrived here last night from Corvallis to spend the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Churchill.

OBSERVANCE OF FOREST WEEK AT GLIDE IS UNIQUE

Schools Deal With Educational Subjects Pertaintaining to Forests.

MOCK TRIAL IS HELD

C. C. Hill Convicted of Carelessness in Leaving Camp Fire—Exhibit Draws Interest.

American Forest Week is being observed in an enthusiastic manner at Glide. The residents of that vicinity, because of their close proximity to the immense forests of the Cascades appreciate fully the economic importance of preventing and suppressing fires. The Chamber of Commerce and the school, working in conjunction with the Federal Rangers Fred Asam and Hugh Ritter, are conducting an educational campaign, which has for its object the development of a deeper sense of individual responsibility for forest protection.

Monday morning the Forest Protection banner was hoisted beneath the flag on the school flagstaff and miniature pennants were distributed among the school children. Ranger Oscar Houser, Ranger Fred Asam and Fire Warden H. Q. Brown gave instructive talks to the school assembly on fire prevention and the proper use of the National Forests. Monday evening at a mock trial in the court of Justice Willard Smith, C. C. Hill was tried and convicted of carelessly leaving a campfire burning which escaped and destroyed valuable timber. The culprit was ably defended by barristers T. V. Gurney and H. D. Connine, but the expert testimony of Rangers Asam and Ritter, who arrested the law violator, and the fiery eloquence of the Prosecuting Attorney, M. L. Kimmel, the legal whirlwind of Idleyld, so convinced the jury that they quickly returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree. Justice Smith sentenced and paroled the prisoner after delivering an excellent lecture on "The Spirit of Vandalism."

Thursday evening at a special meeting of the Parent Teacher Association, Ranger Albert Weisendanger from the Oregon National Forest gave a very interesting lantern-slide lecture and Supervisor Carl Neal expressed appreciation for the efforts the community was making in the matter of forest conservation.

A very fine exhibit of local forest trees, minerals and forestry equipment was prepared in the assembly room of the High School building by Mr. Asam and Mr. Ritter which is being used during the week as the basis for a study of forestry by the school.

Friday afternoon a special program will be given by the school and Saturday the local camp grounds and the scenic beauty spots along the river will be cleaned up.

BABE RUTH BETTER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, May 3.—Babe Ruth told reporters who interviewed him at St. Vincents Hospital this afternoon that he thought he would be able to rejoin the New York Yankees at the end of the month when the team returns from its western trip.

The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 72

Lowest temp. last night 51

Generally fair tonight and Sunday, moderate temperature.

Not So Bad As It Sounds.

Sunshine is delicious: rain is refreshing: Wind braces up; snow is exhilerating. There is really no such thing as bad weather—only different kinds of good weather.
John Ruskin.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2—The weather outlook for the week beginning May 3, was announced here today by the United States Weather Bureau as follows: For California, Oregon and Washington: Generally fair weather with normal temperature, except that considerable cloudiness and local fogs are likely along the Washington and Oregon coast.