



TOM MURRAY CAUGHT IN CENTRALIA HOT CHASE FOR HIS TWO COMRADES

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD KILLER BACK IN STATE PRISON TO AWAIT DEATH ON GALLOWS

Lured Into Hands of Officers by Sensitive Vagabond Whom He Believed Would Aid Him in a Burglary—Knows What His Fate Will Be, Refuses to Betray Whereabouts of Pals.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 22.—Tom Murray, one of the convicts who a week ago last Wednesday shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary, is being held in jail here following his capture late last night by a ruse, as he was about to stage a holdup of some local store.

Murray hoped by the holdup to obtain money to take him east, as he agreed to when he separated from Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos in the woods near White Salmon. Phillip Carson, 26, who lives in Portland, took an active part in framing the ruse which led to Murray's capture.

The arrest of Murray was brought about without the shooting which he warned would take place if any officer tried to cross him in his getaway. He was on his way early this morning back to the Salem penitentiary. Carson was responsible for the taking of Murray by a group of local policemen, deputy sheriffs and the mayor.

According to the officers' report of the affair, Carson said he accompanied Murray here from Vancouver where he met the fugitive in the railroad yards. Carson volunteered to help Murray make his escape from the country and took him to the Savoy hotel here, after buying him a meal.

Leaving Murray at the hotel with the statement that he knew a friend who would help Murray and supply him with clothes, Carson hurried to the police station and reported Murray.

Patrolman C. D. Pilling, in citizen's clothing, accompanied Carson to Murray's room, carrying some old clothes hastily gotten together at police headquarters. Murray donned the clothes carried by the officer and with Carson the policeman began planning the holdup of some roadhouse nearby. Pilling and Carson again left the room telling Murray they would go out and engage a taxicab. They returned to the police station. Mayor George Barner, in his own car and posing as the taxi driver, took Pilling and Carson to the hotel.

In the meantime Chief of Police J. D. Compton, Policeman Robert Stratton and Deputy Sheriffs Herford and Hawkins took up their station about the hotel. Carson and Pilling again went to Murray's room and told him all was ready for the holdup. As the three came down the hotel steps, Patrolman Pilling suddenly grabbed Murray about the body, pinning him until the other officers closed in.

"The jig's up—I'm Murray," said the prisoner with a smile. He was put into Mayor Barner's car and rushed to the police station closely guarded. At 3 o'clock Murray was placed on the train and started for Salem, under guard of the mayor, chief of police and the other officers who made the capture.

Carson's Story of Capture. The story of Murray's capture, as told by Carson follows: "I had been arrested in Portland, and was charged with vagrancy in police court. They gave me sixty days but suspended sentence in order that I might get out of town and stay out. I went across the Columbia to Vancouver, Wash. There I met Tom Murray. It was in the railroads where Murray was about to board the 6:45 p. m. fast freight for Centralia. Murray told me who he was and asked me to help him get away. We planned to go to Tacoma and stage a stick-up. While we were on the way here, Murray told me that after he, Willos and Kelly arrived in Portland shortly before 10 o'clock Monday night, they immediately drove in an automobile to The Dalles and crossed over to White Salmon where they have been hiding since in the woods and brush.

"Murray and Willos Row. "At about 3 o'clock yesterday (Friday) afternoon Murray and Willos had a fight. There was an old baggage car near the station there and Willos wanted to get into it and get some clothes. Murray objected, but Willos, an old railroad man, got in just the same and

when he left the car Murray demanded to know 'what the hell you went in there for,' and Willos replied, 'to hell with you.' There was some more words and then the three agreed to split. Murray was to go east and Willos and Kelly were to stay at White Salmon for a time and then hit out by themselves with Willos as leader.

"Vag's" Feelings Hurt. "I want to say right here that I never met such a perfect gentleman as Murray. I would not have turned him in but for the fact that he declared I was a menace to society and a lot of such stuff as that. When he did that I made up my mind that I would turn him over to the authorities, so when we arrived here I took him to the Savoy hotel and we got a room. Then we planned to do a stick-up here. I left him in the hotel and called upon Charles Pilling, member of the night police force and hired him to aid in the stickup. Of course this was all bluff, but a part of my game. Then I called on George Barner, mayor of this city and hired him to be taxi driver.

"My next move was to return to the hotel, go to our room, tell Murray everything was all right and to come ahead. We go down stairs

Murray Wage Earner at 14 Killer at 20

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) At 14 years of age, during the World War, Tom Murray, now 20 years old, the recaptured Oregon convict, worked in a ship yard. At the close of the war his job ended and he then began his career of crime, ultimately serving a term in the California penitentiary at San Quentin for burglary. Drifting to Oregon after serving his sentence, Murray resumed his life of crime, and on December 11, 1923, he participated in the robbery of a bank at Florence, Lane county. Ten days later he and his partner, Eddie Walker, were captured in Portland. Both were sent to the penitentiary.

With "Oregon" Jones, Clive M. Weekly, William Johnson and another man Murray staged a spectacular escape from the penitentiary March 28, 1924, when the quintet broke through a basement door, pried bars from a window, scaled the prison walls, commandeered the auto of a salesman passing outside the prison walls, and escaped temporarily.

All but Oregon Jones were caught within a week. Jones remained at large for a year. Ellsworth Kelly, who escaped with Murray this month, went to the penitentiary for securing Murray in his cabin, up in the hills of Josephine county, immediately following the Florence bank holdup.

James Willos, the third escaped man, was "sent up" from Umatilla county, charged with larceny from a building, and I introduce him to Pilling and Barner and tell him they are to assist us in the stickup and everything is all right, not to fear.

"Just at that point, Pilling and Barner stick their guns in Murray's ribs and, quick as a flash he tumbles and exclaims, 'pretty clever!'

"That was all he said. He went silent from then on and did not say another word, but I could tell he was doing some mighty tall thinking. Because of this I will try to get him out of here on the 3 o'clock train this morning to Portland where he can be kept in safety."

Murray was taken to the local jail and locked up under heavy guard. He ate a hearty supper, but refused to talk or make any comment on what had happened.

Murray Has Not Lost Smile. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 22.—Tom Murray, escaped Oregon convict, under heavy guard, arrived here early today from Centralia, Washington, where he was captured late last night.

If Murray was nervous and worried when he stepped from the train in the Union depot, he did not betray it. His smile—which ingratiated itself into the hearts of the eight or ten persons whom he and his fellow convicts kidnaped in their desperate dash from Salem penitentiary—did not fall him.

Handcuffed to his wrist was Patrolman C. D. Pilling of the police department. Flanking him on the other side was Mayor George L. Barner. Police Jim Compton of Centralia and Deputy Sheriff Felix Herford of Lewis county.

"Hello, Murray," sung out some in the crowd of newspaper men, union depot attaches and trainmen who flanked Chief of Police Jenkins, Captain of Detectives Moore and Detective Collins of the local police department.

Without a moment's delay, the officers hustled Murray along the train the length of two cars and then climbed through an open vestibule and directed him towards the express station at the south end of the Union depot yard. The crowd scrambled through the express cars, under the cars and through opened vestibules, running along to overtaken the officers and Murray. At a point well lighted, the officers turned and gave the cameramen an opportunity to snap Murray.

Murray smiled, although a trifle nervously—but he calmed himself as the crowd ringed him in and women employees of the depot joined the men in pressing closer and closer on the officers. Gives Crowd A Thrill. "Hello, Kelly!"—Murray cried suddenly as he turned his head as if he had suddenly recognized his partner in flight. For an instant the crowd gasped. Many turned their heads to see (Continued on page 3.)

NEW MEXICO EDITOR FACES FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE RESULT FATAL BATTLE IN LOBBY OF HOTEL

Magee, Defendant in Famous Libel Case, Wounds Judge Leahy in Resisting Brutal Assault and Kills Third Man Who Tries to Interfere, Then Gives Way to Period of Crying.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., Aug. 22.—Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor, today was faced with first degree murder charges in New Mexico courts in which he gained national prominence during the last two years as defendant in the now famous "Magee libel and contempt cases."

The charge was filed by the district attorney late last night, and a criminal warrant served on the editor by Sheriff Lorenzo Delgado as Magee lay in a bed in the Meadows hotel, bruised from his encounter last night in the hotel lobby with former Judge David J. Leahy, during which John B. Lasseter, of Santa Fe, was shot to death and Leahy wounded in the upper left arm. The first shot fired by Magee felled Lasseter and the second shattered the former jurist's arm.

Eight eye-witnesses, questioned by Assistant District Attorney T. V. Truder, told practically the same story of the fatal encounter and the formal filing of murder charges followed.

Eye-witnesses declared that Magee was seated on a divan in the lobby, conversing with newspaper reporters when W. S. Patterson, a former employe of Magee's, entered and began talking to him. Magee, Patterson and a newspaper woman noted Leahy's entrance with the remark: "There's Leahy." Witnesses declared that Magee dropped his left hand into his coat pocket and continued the conversation with the woman as Patterson backed away.

Leahy then approached the divan, witnesses said, and struck Magee on the cheek, knocking him from the seat. As Magee struggled to his feet, witnesses declare, Leahy kicked him in the ribs. Magee then drew a .38 calibre pistol and fired as Lasseter seized Leahy's arms. The shot struck Lasseter in the throat, causing an internal hemorrhage which brought death soon.

A second shot struck Leahy's arm, shattering the upper bone. The former judge then turned and walked from the lobby unassisted. Magee fell sobbing on the divan, lying on the floor nearby, died within a few minutes. A coroner's jury was empaneled immediately, viewed Lasseter's body in a local mortuary and, at the request of the assistant district attorney adjourned until 9 o'clock today, when Magee was expected to be present with his attorneys, R. H. Haun and Fred Wilson, both of Albuquerque, who represented him in the libel and contempt cases here last year and in July 1923.

LOS ANGELES BANK ROBBERY ENDS IN FATAL GUN FIGHT One Bandit Slain, Officer Dying, 2 Arrests Made and \$15,000 Loot Is Recovered.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—One bandit was killed, one police officer is believed to be dying, a second policeman, a second bandit and a passerby were less seriously injured in a pistol battle that followed a holdup of the Hellman branch bank at Ninth and Santa Fe streets here today.

Two bandits escaped and \$15,000 taken by the holdup men was recovered and a member of the gang who gave the name of John Smith of Milwaukee was captured. The dead bandit was identified as John Franka, Chicago bank robber. W. J. Baldwin was badly cut by flying glass when a stream of bullets came through the windows of his sedan.

The wounded are: R. E. Smith, police officer, believed fatally injured; Motorcycle Officer Oscar Beyer, wounded in hip; V. C. Beeler, electrical contractor shot in hand by stray bullet; John Smith, captured bandit, slightly wounded.

The holdup gang entered the bank shortly after it opened for business and leisurely looted the tills and cages. As they ran out and jumped in a waiting auto they were spotted by two patrolmen, J. A. Stambler and R. M. Stevenson, who commandeered a passing car and gave chase. Motorcycle officer Beyer also joined in the chase as the pistol battle opened. One of the first shots from the bandit car struck Beyer, but he drove his motorcycle ahead and pumped bullets from his gun.

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The robbers leaped out, continuing firing and Smith fell. Then Beyer Stambler and Stevenson arrived and the corner became the center of a hail of bullets. Meyers, after he had emptied his gun, ran forward and grabbed the bandit who gave the name of Smith, about the neck, placing him under arrest and recovering the loot. The other two members of the band fled towards the Los Angeles river, pursued by police and citizens.

Pierce Thanks God Murray is Taken; to Hang

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MARSHFIELD, Ore., Aug. 22.—When shown press dispatches early this morning telling of the capture of Tom Murray, escaped convict, Governor Walter M. Pierce exclaimed, "Thank God. I am so glad to hear the news, for since I have been in the governor's chair, nothing has kept me awake nights until this prison break." "Murray need not expect executive clemency, for he will hang," the governor added.

Governor Pierce announced that late today he will name C. G. Thompson, Grater Lake forest reserve chief, Jefferson Myers, former state treasurer, and Adjutant-General White of the Oregon National Guard, a commission of three to investigate the recent jail break at the Salem penitentiary.

The commission will be asked to make recommendations regarding a new prison which Governor Pierce endorses.

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NEW YORKER GOLF KING (Associated Press Leased Wire.) YOUNGSTOWN, O., Aug. 22.—MacDonald Smith, New York, today won the western open golf championship with a score of 281, scoring a 69 or three under par for the final round.

Mrs. J. P. Fitz of Montezano, California, and nephew, Leslie Shorey, and niece, Mrs. L. L. Deane of Tacoma, stopped here for a short time yesterday afternoon and visited with Mrs. Cora Cloud. The party is motoring Marshfield.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Regulations to enforce the United States-Canadian treaty was agreed upon today by representatives of the two governments. They will be announced later.

KELLY AND WILLOS, AFTER ROBBERY STORE AT BINGEN, ESCAPE IN STOLEN AUTO

Poses Comb Southwestern Washington in Effort to Find Fugitives, Who Speed Through Goldendale and Thence Toward Yakima—One Sheriff Passes Them Unknowingly on Road.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) BINGEN, Wash., Aug. 22.—Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, escaped Oregon convicts, were believed in flight toward Yakima from this place early this morning, following the robbery of a store here about midnight and the theft of an Overland automobile belonging to W. S. Rippold. The car bears Washington license No. 123,951.

The store of E. G. Lewis was the place robbed, entrance was gained by smashing a rear window. The burglars took \$18 in cash, a quantity of cookies and bananas, a pipe, tobacco and cigarettes, and a pair of shoes. Sheriff A. P. Gordon, of Skamania county, declared that the burglars undoubtedly were Kelly and Willos and regarded as most significant the theft of the shoes which were size 6 1-2, the size worn by Willos.

The highway garage operated by F. V. Flupz was entered, where the men tried to steal the car of Night Marshal Frank Monroe, but they were unable to start it. Both Kelly and Willos are known to have little knowledge of automobiles.

Flupz' room above the garage was entered and his money stolen, but he was not awakened. The men took the keys to his gas tank and obtained a supply of gasoline for the car.

In the Lewis store, the robbers dropped a pair of white cloth gloves, answering the description of those known to have been taken by the escaped convicts when they held up four men in a lunch room at Monitor, Ore., and about 4 ounces of coffee wrapped in a bit of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of August 9.

Night Marshal Monroe saw the Overland car leave the main highway here and take the road to White Salmon, one mile up the cliffs. This road connects with the highway to Yakima, and Sheriff Morgan believes the convicts are headed for that town. He has notified all nearby towns and posses early were forming to take up the chase. A posse also was organizing at Hood River, Ore., just across the river from here, to join the Washington manhunters.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 22.—Sheriff L. D. Luce this morning called out his available deputies and joined the search for the Oregon bandits, reported in flight from Bingen. If the bandits are coming through the Yakima country they must go through White Swan, the officers pointed out and their main search will be concentrated in that neighborhood.

Sheriff Passes the Pair. GOLDENDALE, Wash., Aug. 22.—Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, fugitive Oregon convicts, are believed to have passed through Goldendale at 3 o'clock this morning, following the robbery of a store and garage at Bingen.

Sheriff W. S. Warwick of Klickitat county believes he passed the fleeing desperadoes between Goldendale and Lyle as he was rushing in his own car to Bingen, 50 miles southwest of here.

The sheriff at the time did not know that an automobile had been stolen at Bingen. The car he passed was an Overland, like the one stolen at Bingen, Warwick said.

As soon as the news was sent back here by Sheriff Warwick, District Attorney C. W. Ramsey notified all surrounding towns and posses began organizing to take up the chase.

Three ways of escaping the country are open to the desperadoes. One is over the Central Washington highway through Bickleton and Mapleton. This route all lies through open country. Another is by doubling back and taking one of the numerous ferries across the Columbia back into Oregon and the Columbia river highway.

A third is through the heavily timbered hills into the Toppenish country into the Simcoe mountains and the Yakima Indian reservation. The latter place is regarded as the most likely objective of the bandits, as the mountains in that district have long been a hiding place for desperadoes, and it is said they find ample cover from pursuers.

Reports that ten gallons of gasoline had been stolen from two filling stations along the supposed route of the robbers were received by the officers. May Desert Auto For Hills. YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 22.—Sheriff Luce has his men in readiness to effect the capture of Kelly and Willos, the fugitive Oregon convicts, if they appear in this locality. Few of the hastily organized posse will actually go to the field until it becomes sure the bandits are headed this way, but small squads will be sent to cover the Mt. Adams and Sattis roads, the most logical ones for the bandits to traverse. In order to reach White Swan, they must pass the Signal Peak ranger station, where all cars are required to register. As soon as any suspicious travelers are reported from Signal Peak, the Yakima posse will concentrate on the White Swan district, some 40 miles away. It is possible for them to avoid the Yakima district and go by Goldendale. Sheriff Luce is of the opinion that since the bandits obtained a (Continued on page three.)