

MURDER TRIO MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE

Police Are Busy Following Reports From Many Sources

SAID TO HAVE GONE THROUGH TUESDAY

Hot Tips to Authorities, When Run Down, Have Proved Entirely Fruitless; None Authentic.

The local police and the sheriff's force have been busy all day running down "hot tips" from various sources regarding the whereabouts of the three convicts in this part of the state.

One report was that three men in a Ford touring car stopped at the Perkins garage about seven o'clock yesterday morning to change a tire. La Grande citizens coming by the garage noticed that four roughly dressed men seemed to be in a great hurry to get out on the road again.

According to witnesses, one man had a handgun on his arm and others carried handguns. They were driving in a Ford touring car which looked like it had travelled a long way over a dusty highway.

Fred Cross, night man at the Perkins Garage, could not be reached today so the report was unverified from that source. The man was not reported to the authorities until this morning.

However the authorities are of the opinion that the men might have passed through here. They were seen in Portland night before last and by last night could have arrived here at the time they were sent the next morning.

Murray, reported the brains of the trio, might have reasoned that the police would think they were hiding in Portland and in the meantime the convicts might have contacted the authorities by leaving the city about immediately after their arrival here.

Yesterday a report was placed with the sheriff that the men had been seen going toward Ailet. This clue was run down like the others not productive of anything of value.

A worker at one of the local filling stations reports to the police that he had seen the men this morning—up at least three roughly dressed motorists answering the description of the escaped convicts.

The police and the sheriff's forces are investigating all cities but so far have failed to discover anything authentic.

ATTRACTIONS ARE UNUSUAL

J. D. Meyers of Meyers and Ford states that the firm has nearly finished buying pictures and attractions for the coming season and that they have never before contracted for such a high quality of features as will be presented during the coming season.

All of the companies seem to have reached the conclusion that the public really does want bigger and better pictures and judging by this year's output they have achieved that end, said Mr. Meyers.

It is not an easy task to pick attractions that will please all the patrons but Meyers and Ford feel that with the contracts now closed these patrons will see the best programs that have yet been shown in these theaters. The contracts already closed by the firm represent an outlay of \$26,000.

Probably the picture that is of most interest to the La Grande people and the one they have been looking forward to seeing is the Grand Lloyd production, "Winds of Chance," many scenes of which were made at Wallawa lake. This picture is being handled by First National Pictures, Inc. and is included in one of the new contracts just signed and will be shown here at an early date. In fact the first showing in Oregon will take place at the Arcadia theater. Other productions handled by this same company which will be shown by Meyers and Ford include the Norma Talmadge production.

Last Concert to be Given This Evening

Victor DePinto, Assisted by Two Other Artists to Give Farewell Recital.

This evening at eight o'clock at the Presbyterian church Victor DePinto, violinist, will give a farewell recital. Mr. DePinto will leave the last of this week for Portland, where he will spend a year at the Billson-White conservatory as teacher and soloist. He will be assisted by Helen Mack Parker, soprano, who has a remarkably fine voice. Miss Parker is from Enterprise and has sung in La Grande before, appearing on the Chautauque program here at various times. Miss Nina Gibson, also of Enterprise, will be accompanist.

WILL FOLLOW HIS FATHER

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Robert M. La Follette, jr., candidate for nomination at the Republican primary for the unexpected term of United States Senator, La Follette, Monday pledged himself to continue his father's policies.

Mr. La Follette said that he did not ask support because he was Senator La Follette's son, asserting that "at the same time relationship does not disqualify me." He declared he was "free from any debt or political obligation."

"I believe long association with my father in his public service, intimate knowledge of his work in the past and his plans for the future—the policies involved, the letters at stake, together with years of contact with progressive leaders in and out of public life will, if I am elected to the senate, enable me to keep the record straight and to render good service to the state of Wisconsin and the nation for the next three years."

Mr. La Follette's platform favored a "wise policy of comprehensive conservation of the nation's resources, government operation of Muscle Shoals, repeal of the Esch-Cummins railroad act, congressional action for the relief of agriculture, reduction to pre-war level of freight on agricultural products and "the thing that farmers have to buy" and reductions in federal taxes through curtailment of the 50 per cent of government revenues now expended for post and future wars.

The candidate also favored reduction of military forces to a strictly defensive basis, full payment of the foreign debt, relief from taxation on incomes below \$2,000, repeal of special war taxes, "equitable" apportionment of great estates, investigation of the present activities of the federal trade commission and constitutional amendments for direct nomination and election of president and vice president.

MOTORISTS KILLED. SEATTLE (AP)—Mrs. Belda Redden and Mrs. Charles Porsman, of Auburn, Wash., were killed today when their automobile collided with an interurban car 17 miles south of here. A. N. Parks, driver of the machine, was injured.

STILL ON TRAIL. OLYMPIA (AP)—Warden Dairymple, of the Oregon penitentiary, that the escaped convicts were probably headed toward Olympia, police and sheriff's forces hastily organized posse at noon today, to guard the roads into Olympia from the south. Dairymple has informed local officers that three men were seen washing at a camp ground near Kelly this morning. They were heard to say that they intended to go to Olympia or Shelton. All were reported heavily armed, driving a Ford touring car.

WILL TRY AGAIN. BULLOGNE, France (AP)—It was said here tonight that Miss Gertrude Ederle would probably make another attempt to swim the English channel soon but a definite decision will not be reached before tomorrow noon.

EXPLOSION DEATH LIST IS LARGER

Thirty-Two Known Dead in Eastern Steamship Disaster

MANY MISSING; OTHERS BURNED

Boiler Blow-Up Takes a Heavy Toll of Excursionists; Government to Investigate Accident.

NEWPORT, R. I. (By the Associated Press).—The scalding boiler explosion which brought to a sudden close the outing of nearly 700 excursionists as they were leaving Newport harbor aboard the steamer Mackinac, last night, had taken a toll of 32 lives today.

The explosion occurred as the Mackinac was passing the naval training station at Narragansett Bay for Tawkeet. Many women and children are among the dead and injured. Besides the dead and two persons reported missing, 52 of the passengers on the steamer were seriously burned. Physicians said they expected the death list to be increased to 45 within the next few hours.

A patch which had been placed on the boiler just before the boat started gave way, causing the boiler to explode. The explosion threw the passengers into a panic and many were injured in the rush.

Thomas McVay, the ship's captain, beached the ship after the explosion. This action probably prevented a larger loss of life. The passengers described the scene as one of tremendous confusion after the explosion. Distress signals were immediately sent out by the ship's wireless operator and boats from 40 naval ships in the cove rushed to the scene.

These had been torn open and the money had been extracted. Mrs. Collins was identified by Charles Ingalls, University of Denver student as the woman who remained in Washington park, close to the scene during the robbery, and who was joined by the alleged bandit after he had finished his work.

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CANDIDACY ANNOUNCED. MARSHFIELD, (By the Associated Press).—Superintendent C. A. Howard of the Marshfield public schools today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public schools in 1926. He is now director of the National Education Association.

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Expedition Compelled to Abandon Trip

Unfavorable Weather Conditions Force MacMillan Party to Center Activities in Greenland

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The MacMillan Arctic expedition has abandoned hope of carrying out its full exploration trip over the polar seas this year.

Curtailed of the activities of the expedition was forced by the adverse weather conditions which had locked the northlands in a grip of ice and fog well ahead of the usual winter season. Plans were made yesterday to carry out other objects of the expedition including scientific investigations from the main base at Narsarsuaq.

The decision to abandon the Arctic trip was reached after a consultation of navy officials and the secretary of the National Geographic society, sponsor of the expedition. Lieutenant Commander Byrd, in command of the navy part of the expedition, was asked, yesterday, his opinion on the matter, and with his verification of the feasibility of postponing the arctic trip until next year the final action on the matter was taken.

The MacMillan party had hoped to explore the Antarctic region by airplane but since the change in plans will devote itself to obtaining scientific information about sections of Greenland and Labrador.

BANDIT ARRESTED BY DENVER POLICE

DENVER (AP)—Mrs. Anna Collins, 25, is under arrest here charged with being an accessory to the \$5000 payroll holdup last Saturday at a construction company engaged in building the University of Denver stadium here.

She is the wife of George Collins, 40, sought as the bandit.

When Mrs. Collins was taken into custody at an apartment house in an exclusive residential district \$245 in currency was recovered. Detectives said they found the envelopes that had contained the wages of the workmen about the apartment.

These had been torn open and the money had been extracted. Mrs. Collins was identified by Charles Ingalls, University of Denver student as the woman who remained in Washington park, close to the scene during the robbery, and who was joined by the alleged bandit after he had finished his work.

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BELGIUM TO INVESTIGATE SETTLEMENT

Department of Finances to Study Funding Agreement

PROGRAM APPROVED BY PRES. COOLIDGE

Payment Plan Provides That Belgium Pay the Money Loaned, Free of Interest.

BRUSSELS (By the Associated Press).—The Belgian department of finances, today began its study of the agreement reached at Washington for funding Belgium's debt to the United States.

WASHINGTON (By Associated Press).—The agreement for funding the Belgian war debt to the United States, with provision of all interest on loans reconditioned, and part of the interest on the balance, was reached Tuesday between the American and Belgian debt commission. The program, approved by President Coolidge at Plymouth, Vermont, Monday was described as recognizing a "weighty moral obligation" growing out of assurance.

AMUNDSEN TO TRY AGAIN

OSLO, Norway (AP)—The After Posten states that Capt. Roald Amundsen since his arrival home from his recently attempted trip to the north pole, has been preparing a new airplane expedition for next summer from Spitzbergen over the pole and unknown Arctic regions to Alaska. The newspaper states that financial backing has been assured and that the expedition will include Lincoln Ellsworth, the American who was with Amundsen's party this summer.

It is stated that the Donner company will build an airplane larger than the N-25 which Amundsen's party saved from the Arctic this year and that the new machine will be equipped with many improvements resulting from experience gained during the recent dramatic expedition. Amundsen considers his flight this summer as a reconnoitering expedition for one to explore the Arctic region between the north pole and Alaska.

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He'll Preside



When rural mail carriers meet in convention in Cleveland Aug. 24 to fight the question of becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, A. F. Lang, president of the organization will handle the gavel and see that each speaker speaks in his turn. Lang's home is in Pleasantville, O., where he "goes" his route each day. He is opposed to affiliation with the A. F. of L. He is serving his third term as president of the association.

PREMIUM LIST FOR LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION OUT

Premium list of the fifteenth annual Pacific International Livestock exhibition which will be held at Portland October 21 to November 7, inclusive, totals nearly \$100,000, according to an announcement received here. Entries of various sorts of livestock are promised from every part of Canada and the United States.

The price list is divided among the various departments as follows: dairy breeds, \$15,000; beef breeds, \$15,000; sheep and goats, \$5000; heavy draft horses and light horse show, \$15,000; dogs, \$2750; poultry, \$2500; by the exhibition proper and \$15,000 by sponsors of stake classes, and from entry fees in these stake classes.

EXPLORERS ORDERED OUT

ULUGAI, Mongolia (By the Associated Press).—The Mongolian government has ordered the third Asiatic expedition of the American Museum of Natural History, under the leadership of Roy Chapman Andrews, to cease its explorations and scientific work and to leave Mongolian territory, alleging that Andrews has violated his agreement with the Mongolian scientific organizations.

LUMBER COMPANY GROWS. EUGENE, Ore.—The Fuchs-South Lumber company of this city, retail dealer in lumber, has reorganized, increasing its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$100,000 and announced that plans have been completed for the erection of a re-manufacturing plant to employ 40 men at the beginning.

A tract of nine acres of land on the Coast bay branch of the Southern Pacific railway, on the outskirts of the city has been purchased. The plans include for erection of dry kilns with 40,000 feet daily capacity.

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Early Type of Men Are Unearthed

Fossils of Prehistoric Men Are Discovered by the Asiatic Expedition.

PEKING (AP)—Roy Andrews, leader of the American Museum of Natural History's Research expedition into Asia, believes that the party has found the remains of the earliest type of man yet discovered.

The remains were found far in the Mongolian interior among the dunes which, ages ago, formed the shore of the lake. The expedition discovered traces of human beings which closely resembled the handwork of the Aghian man found in Europe. Andrews is of the belief that this form of primitive culture went from Europe to Asia.

ENTRIES MANY IN LAMB SALE

SALT LAKE (AP)—Executives of the National Wool Growers' association predict this year's national ram show and sale, August 21 to September 2 at the Salt Lake union stock yards, will constitute the finest lot of flock sires ever assembled in the United States.

The show this fall is the 10th annual event. Fifty breeders, representing 5 states have entered approximately 3,000 rams in the show.

In the entries are representatives from all over the historic flocks that have made record in some of the nine preceding shows.

Demand Strong. Though the demand for rams is expected to be strong (as all, due to many wool men holding new lambs to build up flocks, low seasonal prices, such as were reached in the fall of 1919, are anticipated at the general auction, which follows the show, it was stated here Monday.

Rambouilleta will be the large department with Hampshire a close second. Other breeds represented are Lincoln, Cotswolds, Goshales, Panamas, Suffolks and Columbian.

In his official call to wool men to attend the show F. J. Haggenbach, president of the national body, characterized the event "as a school for sheep men." He also points out the desirability of improving the quality of flocks and urges sheep men to "meet high costs of production with high class sheep."

Burning Kisses Rout Ex-Godfather Of Cinderella. NEW YORK (AP)—Edward W. Browning, millionaire realtor, whose thwarted adoption of the 21-year-old Mary Louise Spas gained him much publicity, was routed from the roof of the Belvedere hotel, Seventy-seventh street and Broadway, early today by a horde of "twelve-year" girls throwing urine around his neck, showering him with kisses and supplanting him to adopt them. They were aided by scores of dancers who quickly recognized Mr. Browning.

"Won't you adopt me, Mr. Browning?" "Oh, Mr. Browning, please adopt me," and "Oh, there's the Cinderella man," were the exclamations of the beauties as it became known Mr. Browning and a party of men friends had taken a table on the roof.

The orchestra caught the fun of the show and played "If That's the Kind of an Earl You Are," which was sung with improvised words. Mr. Browning finally escaped.

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ESCAPED MEN STILL ELUDE THE POLICE

Long Search in Portland Fails to Reveal Trace

CONVICTS MIGHT HAVE SEPARATED

Officers Following Reports from Many Sections; Men Reported Seen at Several Places.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—After 24 hours of search the Portland authorities have located no trace of Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Wilkes, escaped convicts and murderers who slipped into Portland yesterday afternoon.

A drag net was placed over the city. Every rooming house, hotel and lodging quarters in the city have been investigated and searched. Hundreds of clues and tips from all over the city have been followed to a fruitless conclusion but the convicts still escape the clutches of the law.

Tom Murray, exercising a cunning but crafty leadership has so far, outwitted the officers at every turn and with his three companions has eluded the efforts of some 250 policemen, deputy sheriffs and special officers employed in the search.

Police have not yet given up vigilance and are following all tips and clues. Parties are still combing the city, highways, ferries, county roads and bridges are all guarded.

A story, today, by the members of the Newman family who were (Continued on Page Five.)

IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The department of agriculture is decidedly optimistic in painting the picture of farm conditions in the United States for the year 1925. The statement says that promise is good for 1925, recovery in all branches of the livestock industry. Hogs are nearly double the price of a year ago and heavy steers and lambs are higher. Truck crops are said to be coming in for a share of recovery this year.

The statement continues: Early estimates suggest a potato production of only about 2.1 bushels per capita, which would be on a par with the shortage years 1911 and 1919. Onions, cabbage, melons and peaches have been selling at two or three times last year's prices and seemingly have a brisk fall market ahead.

"Rains last month helped hay and late oat crops. Corn is making early and now looks good as a whole. A fair spring wheat crop seems assured despite considerable hot weather damage and some rust in the Red River valley. Winter wheat was a disappointment but apparently has thrashed out as much grain as was expected.

"Fruit is not so plentiful in eastern districts, but the Pacific coast will make good much of the deficiency. Cotton has low ground in the western belt by reason of drought, but indications still point to a sizable total crop.

The department's general index of purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural commodities remains at a level of 90, compared with a five year production level taken as 100.

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Over-Population Thought Possible

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Is the world in danger of working up to a larger population than it can support?—or, rather, more than it can support comfortably?—or, even, more than it can support at all? It is a question that has been asked for centuries, and it is one that is becoming more and more important in our day. The world's population is increasing at a rapid rate, and it is becoming more and more difficult to find enough food, clothing, and shelter for all the people. Some people believe that the world is over-populated, and that we must find a way to reduce the number of people on the earth. Others believe that the world is not over-populated, and that we can find a way to support a larger population than we have now. The truth is, we do not know for sure. But it is a question that we must ask, and we must try to answer it.