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MAKE A BREAK.

FOLSOM CONVICTS OVERPOWER GUARDS AND ESCAPE TO THE HILLS.

Surprised Their Keepers and Carried Off Number of Them as Prisoners—Secured Arms and Ammunition from Prison Armory—Two Guards Dead.

Folsom Prison, July 27.—One of the biggest breaks in the history of the Folsom prison occurred this morning at 7 o'clock. The line of convicts were marching out of the prison to go to work. About 300 of them were out when about 18 of them, who were in a bunch in the line, made a run for the guards' office, where Warden Wilkinson, Captain Murphy and other officers were.

In the hand of each of the desperate men was a knife made of a file. They cut at the guards and Warden Wilkinson had a narrow escape from death, his clothes being cut through. Joe Coshrane, W. L. Cotton and C. H. Jolly were all badly cut, the first two so seriously that they will not live.

The convicts then marched to the armory, taking with them Warden Wilkinson, Captain Murphy and other guards and officers, all closely guarded by the convicts with knives. At the armory they helped themselves to guns and ammunition, each convict having a rifle and a pistol. During this time the other guards had the crowd covered with guns but did not shoot because of the danger of hitting the officers in captivity.

After leaving the armory the party moved across the prison grounds, there being at that time 18 convicts and 13 officers.

Sacramento, Cal., July 27.—Warden Wilkinson makes the following statement of the affair: "This morning about 6:45 I went up to the prison as is my custom to see the convicts eat their breakfast. I have been doing this same thing every morning for three years and a half and I never take so much as a cane with me to protect myself. They had not in all that time raised a hand against me. I stopped at the captain's office to wait for the prisoners to walk out from their breakfast. It is our practice if any of the convicts had misbehaved, to pick them out from the procession and to hold a court there in the office, and determine their punishment. We were all, myself and the officers, quietly sitting in the office, when the line made its appearance from the breakfast room and started for the grounds. Suddenly seven or eight of the prisoners made a rush from the line with razors and knives drawn and came directly for us. They were joined by others, so that I judged there were about 15 in all. Blood began to flow in all directions. I saw that it was hopeless to put up a fight against such odds.

"One of the convicts came up behind my back and reached over with a razor and tried to cut open my abdomen. You can see how my belt is split from end to end, and how my coat is hanging in shreds. I felt no pain and I do not believe I am cut. The convict got me and Murphy and five or six other officers, whom they disarmed. They kept us and proceeded to the yard and out of it by the front gate toward the armory post. The gattling guns in the station hill tops and along the prison walls would have fired, but had they done so they would have killed the captain and officers as well as escaping prisoners, so the gattling guns remained silent, and the guards were either unable to rescue or to prevent the escape.

"As we neared the armory a guard came out and they seized him. They took the keys away from him, entered the armory and equipped themselves with all manner of weapons. Then they started along the dusty road and crossed the prison ranch toward the Mormon Island bridge. They kept saying that they would not harm us, but they would not tolerate any harm to their number or they would kill man for man.

"After I had gone about a mile they let me go, although they took

my hat and clothes away from me, they were very kind to me, and told me they would see no harm come to me. They took with them me and Murphy and five other other officers, whom they disarmed. They took with them Captain of the Guard A. J. Murphy and four or five others including my grandson, Harry Wilkinson. After they had gone a little ways again, they took his clothes off and he had to don convicts garb and return to the prison in it. They took Murphy a little farther along and made him divest himself of his trousers. Murphy was obliged to come home without any outer garments.

"The convicts took the rest of the officers with them so as to guard themselves against capture. The men they have taken along with them include General Overseer J. G. McDonough, Guard John Klendorf, Guy Jeter, foreman of the rock quarry, T. Brown, stage driver and Guard L. S. Vertrees. Turnkey Joseph Cochran made a brave defence in the captain's office, but I thought it was unwise, for everything was the captors. He tried his best to overcome the convicts, but he was cut in several places about the head and shoulders and the side with a razor and was saved from death by the knife coming in contact with a rib.

The convicts went to a farmer's house, seized his four-horse team and wagon, gutted the house and everything of value it contained, took the farmer with them as a driver and are now headed for bald mountain. The Alabaster cave is situated near a mountain and it is believed that they will take refuge therein.

The militia has been ordered to aid in pursuit of the convicts.

Folsom, July 28.—The greatest excitement prevails in this vicinity and throughout this section of the country. Probably 250 man hunters are abroad this afternoon within a distance of 20 miles of the state prison.

A posse of 150 men, including the Placerville National Guard, have the convicts surrounded in the Black Diamond canyon, near Pilot Hill, 15 miles from Folsom. After leaving the prison the men made their way with seven guards in capture to a bridge crossing the American River and thence to Eldorado county. After going a short way they came across two men who were hauling wood in big wagons with four horses. They took the men, Ben Schlotman and Joseph Foster, prisoners, and pressed the wagon and horses into use. In this way they traveled about 15 miles to Pilot Hill, plundering all farms on their way. After reaching that place they entered a store and took complete possession of it, helping themselves to groceries. They spent about two hours there, taking things very leisurely, as they had done all day, stating that they would have to fight some time and that it might as well be there.

They left the store about 6 o'clock in the evening and had not gone far when the first encounter with free men took place. A posse of about 30 men had taken positions of vantage on the upper side of the road. When the convicts discovered them they opened fire, which was immediately returned. The convicts shielded themselves by holding their captives in front of them.

The men in ambush kept up the fire killing two of the horses driven by the convicts and one of the convicts, Joe Murphy, he being shot in the head and through the heart.

The range was about 200 yards and about 150 shots were fired altogether, the convicts exhibiting very poor skill in shooting, none of the posse being injured. After the horses were shot down the convicts left the wagon and made for the hills, it being too near dark to follow them. It is said that all officers and guards held in captivity have been released. If this is so, capture of the men is almost certain, as it will be almost impossible for them to escape the large posse if members of the latter are free to shoot. It is not expected that any of them will be taken alive.

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WHY THEY DIE.

THE MORTALITY AMONG LITTLE CHILDREN ACCOUNTED FOR.

Mothers to Blame for It—Trying to Elect a Pope—Broke the Bank and Got in Jail—Mistaken for a Deer and Shot.

Washington, July 28.—"We are daily seeing the destruction of human life through the unwillingness of mothers to nurse their young children. It is nothing short of race murder, and can be compared only with the ravages wrought by race suicide."

In this forcible language Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer of the district, today referred to the enormous mortality now prevailing among infants in this city. In the week ended last Saturday more than one-fifth of all deaths in the district occurred among children less than two years of age. Of the infants who succumbed last week four were nursed by their mothers, three on cow's milk alone and 13 on condensed milk.

"Even under the very best conditions," says Dr. Woodward, "condensed milk is an unsatisfactory substitute for the proper food. It is administered to the unfortunate little ones chiefly through the desire of the mother to avoid giving the right nourishment.

"Behind the mere announcement that a child died of diarrhoeal trouble, there can be found another and more interesting cause. In the investigation of most cases we have discovered that the baby's demise has been directly or indirectly due to improper attention on the part of the parents.

"There is no excuse for a wife not to know how to nurse her young children, and it is astonishing to believe that a mother will not, if she can. There is a possible excuse for those who cannot on account of poverty.

"A great remedy for the terrible condition would be the establishment of more day nurseries, where mothers could have their little ones while at work.

Rome, July 28.—There are now in this city 25 cardinals who will take part in the conclave to meet Friday for the election of the new pope. Only two of the high officials of the sacred college are absent—Cardinal Moran of Sidney will not be able to reach Rome in time for the conclave, and Cardinal Celesia of Palermo is too ill to attend.

Cardinal Gibbons is still receiving much attention and seems greatly touched with the kindness of his colleagues. He will be the only English speaking cardinal present at the election, with the exception of Cardinal Logan, archbishop of Armagh, Ireland.

The Vatican is a beehive of industry today. All preparations for the secret meeting are being pushed with great fervor. Even the glass of the windows of the chamber wherein the conclave will be held are receiving coats of paint nearly to the top of them, in order that no means of viewing from within or without may be had.

The strongest candidates for the honor of being elected pontiff are at present Cardinals Oreglia, Gotti, Rampolla and Vannutelli. It is now said on excellent authority that Cardinal Angelo di Pietro, prodatary to the late pope, is announced as a compromise candidate should there be a deadlock in electing any of the four named.

Grant's Pass, Or., July 28.—Word has been received here of the death of Dr. M. Cooper, near his home at Chetco, Curry county a few days ago, from a gun shot wound. He was shot by a young man who mistook him for a deer. The doctor was out hunting with two men. The three separated and one of them seeing the brush move, fired into it. He hit his mark, which proved to be Dr. Cooper. The bullet entered his left side and went completely through his body. He was taken home at once, but died in a few hours. This is the first fatality of this kind in Southern Oregon this season.

Baker City, July 28.—A sensation of the most decided nature made its appearance this morning

when Justice of the Peace Evans and M. Kline, two prominent citizens, were thrown in jail at Sumpter.

It appears that these two men broke the bank at a game of "twenty-one, and afterwards compelled Jack Pearson, running the game, to cash the checks he had issued. Evans and Kline played Pearson's game and lost heavily last night. Later they won and broke the bank for the sum of about \$900. The payment was made in checks. This morning Pearson tried to stop the payment of his checks when they were presented by Kline and Evans. He shouted to the cashier as the two winners stood receiving their money, not to pay a cent.

The cashier obeyed. Kline and Evans then jumped on to Pearson and beat him up and took all the money he had in his clothes away from him. As a result they are in jail and are seeking a bond.

Newport, R. I.—After today's race between the Reliance, Constitution and Columbia, in which the former boat demonstrated her superiority over the other two, the challenge committee of the New York Yacht Club selected the Reliance as the defender of the America's cup. It was also decided to discontinue the trial races.

Messrs. Morgan, of the Columbia, and Belmont, of the Constitution were perfectly satisfied with the Reliance's selection by the committee. They are both of the opinion that the Reliance is the fastest of the trio.

From the showing of the three boats this season the Reliance is fairly entitled to be the defending vessel. In any case she has crossed the finish line ahead, and has lost but few events on time allowance. It is probable that the defender will proceed to Bristol for a thorough overhauling.

Three yachts raced over a leeward and windward course today. There was a puffy northwest of 15 miles, straight blowing, when the starting signal was given at 11:30. The Reliance was first to cross the line. The Constitution crossed soon after, and the Columbia followed a few seconds behind the handicap gun at 11:32.

Within ten minutes after the start the Constitution took the lead and kept it for miles and it was not until the Reliance took in her spinnaker and hauler across the stern of the Belmont boat, cutting off her wind, that the new boat was able to retrieve a mistake made early in the race. About five miles from the outer mark the Reliance was able to get by the Constitution, but the boats were so close at the turn that there was scarcely 20 seconds difference when they hauled in the sheets around the mark.

At 2:20 the yachts were within five minutes of the finish and the Constitution was holding the Reliance in shape, and to the observers on shore it looked as if she might win the race on the allowance. The contest between the two boats was the hottest of the season for a course of this description.

The boats turned the outer mark as follows; Reliance, 1:10:00; Constitution, 1:10:31; Columbia, 1:11:38.

Hauling sheets around the mark, the Reliance began beating out the weather of the Constitution. They went about on the port tack about 2:10 and after that the new boat drew ahead and to windward steadily. The Columbia sailed a fast race to windward and by a fortunate slant of wind close under the Newport shore, hauled up so much on the Constitution that the latter barely beat her across the finish line.

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