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TRACY BOBS UP

Officers Surround Him,
But He Escapes.

SPENDS DAY AT RENTON

Slips Away From Farmhouse
Under Nose of Posse.

CAPTIVE ANDERSON RESCUED

He Gives Information Which Makes
It Certain That Four Men Are Aiding
the Fugitive—Anderson's
Terrible Experiences.

Convict Harry Tracy eluded the Washington officers again, and is once more heading for Seattle. The posse pressed him hard at Renton, in fact, his escape seemed impossible. Bloodhounds were placed on his track within 10 minutes. They were soon close on the heels of the fugitive. Pressed to desperation, he scattered cayenne pepper in his tracks. The dogs soon came upon this, and once their nostrils were filled with the fiery substance, barked until it could be removed, which required 10 minutes. They again took the trail, but soon lost it. Anderson, the man Tracy made accomplice, was rescued at Renton. He was tied to a tree when found. He had been subjected to this experience before on his trip with the outlaw, and it was in a very feeble voice that he made his presence known to his rescuers.

SEATTLE, July 8.—Harry Tracy, the fugitive convict-outlaw, has, for the fourth time since his arrival at Meadow Point, given the officers of King County another chance, to bear their quarry—a chance which for a time promised positive results—but his phenomenal good fortune, together with the delay in getting the pursuers on the ground, has again resulted in giving him his freedom, at least for the time being.

While dozens of officers were in hot pursuit in a vain endeavor to locate the phantomlike murderer on Bainbridge Island and in the Hood Canal country, the now famous outlaw appeared almost within the corporate limits of Seattle, struck a trail in an easterly direction, and was definitely located in the home of Charles Gerrells, one mile north of the town of Renton, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Tracy landed at West Seattle in the open boat, and where the first intimation of his return to King County was had by his finding and identification this afternoon.

Tracy appears at Farmhouse. Close upon the heels of the boat's recognition by Deputy Sheriff McKay, of Port Madison, came the information, conveyed direct to the Sheriff's office by 18-year-old Charley Gerrells, of Tracy's presence in the home of his father on the Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad, one mile from the town of Renton. The news was acted upon with vigor by the handful of deputies who chanced to be quartered in the Sheriff's office when young Gerrells arrived. Deputy Sheriff McClellan, accompanied by two other guards and C. B. Yandell, a newspaper reporter, left the office within two minutes, accompanied by young Gerrells, and boarded a Renton car. The car, which had been promised the exclusive use of the deputies from its downtown terminus, was crowded, and though an effort was made to prevail upon the conductor to obey the instructions which the management had presumably given him and clear the car, he declined to do so, and more than half an hour was lost in the run to Renton.

Officers on the Scene. At this point the deputies and Yandell boarded a caboose, which was quickly attached to an engine, and the party started up the track toward the Gerrells home without further loss of time. The engine was run under instructions to a point one-half mile north of the Gerrells house, where two of the deputies were dropped off and the train slowed down. The engine then proceeded back toward Renton, and within 30 yards of the Gerrells house Deputy McClellan and the reporter dropped into the brush. The two men carefully crawled through the brush within 150 yards of the spot where Tracy sat unconcernedly chatting with the three women in the house, and secreted themselves in a position commanding the roads and premises from the north. The two deputies, who left the engine farther up the track, came down on the west side of the river to points of vantage, and the four men, calculating that the outlaw would be forced by the Sheriff's posse to break from the Gerrells home, lay in ambush for almost two hours. They took up their positions at 2:30 o'clock, and with every faculty strained to prevent Tracy's escape toward the north, they anxiously awaited the arrival of reinforcements from Seattle.

At 4:45 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Cook arrived with a fraction of the posse and advanced up the track toward the Gerrells home. Hardly had the men got distributed along the several points of vantage to the south of the place when Sheriff

Cuddehe and Guard Carson, with two bloodhounds in leash, arrived. Tracy stood in the rear of the premises, now thoroughly aroused to his imminent peril, and overheard a conversation between one of the women inmates of the house and two young idlers from Renton, without any conception of the disastrous results which would follow their action or of their imminent peril, deliberately entered the Gerrells home and inquired if Tracy was there. Prompted by the outlaw himself, who stood at the kitchen door with his rifle leveled at the heads of the irresponsible news-seekers, one of the women occupants of the premises denied that Tracy was there, and the men retreated to the railroad track.

Tracy Makes His Escape. No sooner had they done so than the outlaw carefully threaded his way down to the river bank, meantime taking careful note of the surroundings, and remarking about his pursuers as he left the premises, plunged into the brush and for 10 minutes was lost to view.

At this juncture, deputies who had come out from Seattle, instead of remaining in their stations along the river bank, between Renton and the Gerrells home, fairly swarmed toward the latter point, and, although Sheriff Cuddehe used every effort to enforce obedience, pushed forward, leaving an almost unguarded retreat in a southerly direction. Tracy was quick to note this lack of organization, and hastily retreated down the river.

Captive Anderson Rescued. When Guard Carson, Governor's Secretary Lyon of Oregon, half a dozen deputies, including Deputy McClellan, and Yandell, who had lain concealed with him, arrived at the Gerrells premises, Mrs. Gerrells stepped to the river bank which skirts the rear of the premises, and called to Anderson, who up to this moment had lain bound to a tree not 40 yards distant. He answered feebly. The things which bound him were promptly severed, and he tottered into the group of deputies, trembling and unable to speak. He soon regained his faculties, however, and before his freedom had extended over an hour gave information which establishes beyond a doubt the four unknown men are lending Tracy every aid within their power in his efforts to elude his pursuers.

Where Tracy Met Friends. Tracy first met the men on the railroad bridge leading to Renton, and, greeting one by the name of Fred, held a hurried consultation with them. Later he left Anderson bound and gagged on two different occasions, while he disappeared with his mysterious confederates, for what purpose is not known.

When Tracy disappeared from the Gerrells home, the bloodhounds were hastily brought up from the rear, and after being scented with a piece of the convict's clothing were turned loose on the trail down the river, following it for a quarter of a mile and crossing the track only to double back and swim the river. It was afterward learned that two newspaper men saw Tracy cross the track at this point five minutes ahead of the dogs. He evidently forced the river a few minutes afterward, for hardly had the posse been redistributed than both dogs picked up the trail on the west side of the river, and giving tongue in a manner which left no doubt but that they were close to their quarry trailed almost due west. They did not follow long before the keen-scented brutes underwent a severe ordeal at the hands of the man who again demonstrated that he is capable of pitting his wits against dumb brutes as well as human trailers.

Uses Red Pepper to Stop Dogs. Half way between Cedar River and Burrough's boat house, both dogs ran into the cayenne pepper sprinkled in the outlaw's retreating footsteps. Their nostrils were filled with the fiery substance, and fully 10 minutes were lost in relieving the dogs so that they could again exercise their powers of smell. On and on the hounds sped, making the woods and foothills ring with their deep voices, brute testimony that the most wonderful failure in brute creation refused to be blocked by the wits of man. The dogs were once so close upon Tracy's footsteps that both hounds fairly bellowed out their instinctive warning that they were fast gaining upon their quarry. Pressed to desperation, Tracy here made a circuit, headed due north and plunged into the outskirts of the lake, where he finally succeeded in casting the scent. It was now dark, and Guard Carson returned to Renton.

Again Heading for Seattle. Hardly had the animals arrived in Renton than John Atwood, a woodsman, arrived and told of a conversation which he had had with Tracy in the timber overlooking the lake above Burrough's bathhouse. Tracy inquired concerning the roads, and asked if the thoroughfare leading into Seattle skirted an isolated district. Atwood, a miner, related the outlaw disappeared for the night, and the several posses of guards and pursuers were forced to abide the dawn of day before renewing the chase.

Two things conspired to defeat the object of the chase this afternoon. The late arrival of the posse from the Sheriff's office on the scene, and the failure of a large number of men to obey orders, once they were stationed along the railway track, are generally admitted to be directly responsible for the fugitive's escape. When the handful of deputies who left Seattle at the first news of Tracy's whereabouts about stationed themselves at the north of his rendezvous, it was confidently expected that the next car would bring reinforcements sufficient to completely surround the premises. That four men were unable to do more than guard the outlaw's retreat to the north is apparent, and they chose their several stations on the supposition that the arrival of reinforcements would preclude the fugitive's retreat toward Renton. Sheriff Cuddehe was unable to exercise the control over the men which is invariably lacking in bodies largely composed of volunteer members, and Tracy is again at large.

ANDERSON TELLS OF HIS TRIP. Captive Makes It Plain That Tracy Is Being Aided by Friends. SEATTLE, Wash., July 8.—Surrounded by a mob of men in the Renton saloon, John Anderson, the unwilling companion of Tracy, the outlaw, related his experiences since the night he left Port Madison in Johnson's white boat until his

GREAT STRIKE FUND

All Organized Labor Will Be
Asked to Help Miners.

PUBLIC WILL BE CALLED UPON

Plan Devised by President Mitchell
and Harry White, of the Civic
Federation—Gompers Gives
It His Support.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 8.—A National defense fund, to which all organized labor and the public in general will

means of the miners soon becoming exhausted, and when it is demonstrated to them that the funds will be forthcoming to prevent the contest indefinitely, it need be the situation will be changed materially.

The Lehigh Valley Coal Company succeeded today in starting its heavy machinery at Plains. The coal thus taken from the coal banks is not sent to make trouble, but is used under the company's boilers. The Associated Press is able to announce that the National Civic Federation, which tried so hard to prevent the anthracite coal miners' strike, has not exhausted all its means in an effort to bring about peace in the anthracite coal fields. The investigation, which was started soon after the miners laid down their picks, is still in progress, and it is understood that the Federal Government, through the Department of Labor, is assisting in this work.

A few weeks ago Walter E. Wyet, a statistician of the Department of Labor, at Washington, and Professor John H. Commons, of the Civic Federation, made a tour of the anthracite coal regions in quest of information. They paid particular attention to the questions of the cost of labor for mining coal, the selling price of coal, and also as to whether the in-

PALS ARE ACTIVE

Another Outbreak Is
Planned at Salem.

MAN ON THE PRISON WALL

Guard Discovers Intruder
and Opens Fire.

TRESPASSER MAKES AWAY

Appeared Near Where Arms Are Believed to Have Been Smuggled
Into Prison for Tracy and
Merrill.

SALEM, July 8.—James H. Simpson, night guard inside the penitentiary, at midnight last night, while making his rounds, discovered a man on top of the prison wall surrounding the yard. Simpson watched the intruder for a time, then fired at him, when the mysterious stranger disappeared. The shot aroused the other officers, and a search was made outside the wall, but to no effect.

SALEM, Or., July 8.—The man who tried to gain an entrance into the penitentiary Monday night at midnight, according to Guard Simpson, appeared on post No. 5, on the south wall of the prison yard, and appeared to be watching the night guard. It is believed that Tracy and Merrill received their rifles over this wall, and that the weapons were brought over at night and secreted in the foundry by accomplices. The appearance of the stranger on the wall last night is taken to indicate a further plan for an outbreak by the prisoners, and that the fellow intended to smuggle weapons into the prison for the use of the convicts. Before the outbreak of June 9 only one guard was in the prison yard at night. Now an extra guard is there, and the matter of smuggling in arms is somewhat more difficult if the guards are alert. Just before the discovery of the stranger Simpson had walked down to the south wall, and inspected the gate where the Southern Pacific track enters the yard. He then started back across the yard northward, and when he entered the shadow of the laundry building, about 200 feet distant, he turned and looked back at the south wall. At that instant he saw a man's head above the wall, but it suddenly disappeared. He waited a moment and the head reappeared, and after a few seconds went down out of sight again. Simpson dropped a cartridge into the barrel of his rifle, and when the head appeared again he fired. Instantly the figure was gone, and when the other two guards arrived no trace of the man could be found. The surface of the ground near the wall is hard and covered with grass, so that no tracks would be visible in the morning. The guards did not dare leave the yard at night.

Foiled by New Guarding System. It is apparent that the visitor was familiar with the system of guarding in force prior to the Merrill and Tracy outbreak, for at the time he appeared he would have found his way clear to enter the yard if the old system had still been in force. The prison officials decline to say what the rules observed by the night guard are at present, but they are such as to make an entrance by a stranger very difficult.

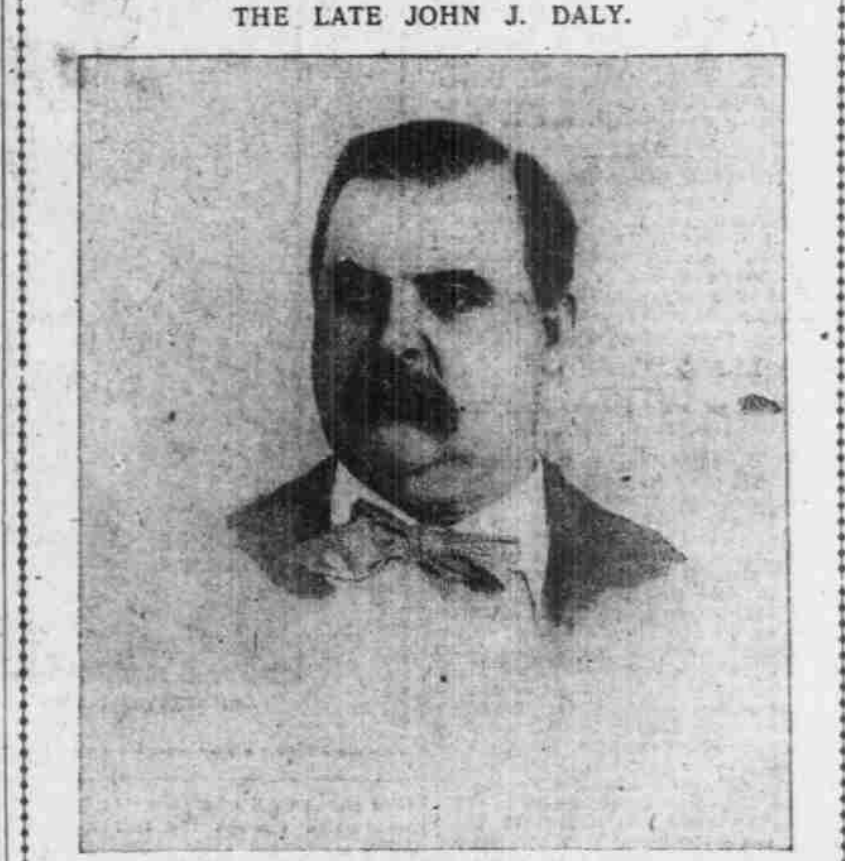
The man who appeared on the wall last evening stood on the walk attached to the outside of the wall about four feet from the top. He could therefore conceal himself easily, exposing his head only long enough to observe the position of the guards. The prison yard is divided into two parts, the shopyard in the rear of the prison, and the laundry yard in front, by a steel paling in front. The shopyard is about 300 yards long, and is guarded at night by two men. In this yard are located the shops, laundry and two small outbuildings. Only by constant watching can two men prevent the entrance of persons who have the daring to attempt an entrance. One man guards the front yard at night. No guards are kept on the wall as the prisoners are locked in their cells in the evening.

Prison officials are reticent concerning the attempt to enter the prison yard, and there has been an effort to keep it quiet. The facts were related by Guard Campbell, who was on duty in the front yard last night. No attempt, so far as known, has been made to run down the culprit.

Guard J. B. Simpson is an uncle of Mrs. Frank Ferrell, widow of Guard Ferrell, who was ordered by Tracy.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

Convention Meets to Nominate Three Supreme Court Judges. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., July 8.—The Democratic judicial convention, which will nominate three candidates for the State Supreme Court bench for 10-year terms, met here at noon today, with Governor Dockery, Congressman Cowherd and De Armond, and most of the leading Democrats of the state present. A convention to name the remainder of the state ticket will be held at St. Joseph within two weeks. William J. Stone, National committeeman from Missouri, is not here. Of the four judges holding over, three are Democrats and one a Republican. A Republican victory this Fall would give the Republicans a majority of the court at least for two years. There are 12 candidates for the three judgeships. Gayton E. Burgess was nominated for Supreme Judge, the only nomination made today.



THE LATE JOHN J. DALY.

WELL-KNOWN OREGON DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN AND LAWYER.

DALLAS, Or., July 8.—John J. Daly, who committed suicide at Pueblo, Colo., Sunday, was not only one of the best-known men in Polk County, but in the State of Oregon. He gained his prominence as a lawyer and Democratic politician as grand master of the Pacific Coast division of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, when it embraced Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. He left about three years ago, going to Denver, where he practiced his profession for about two years. For the past 12 months he had made his home in New Mexico. Mr. Daly was born in Rochester, N. Y., in 1842. He received a classical education at St. John's College, at Fordham, in that state, and afterward read law. He came to Oregon in 1870, and taught school at Burns, Vicks, Polk County, for two years. He then opened a law office in Dallas. He followed his profession here continuously for 25 years, and was recognized as one of the leading attorneys of Western Oregon. He was a charter member of the Oregon Bar Association. He was prominent in the upbuilding of the Ancient Order of United Workmen on the Pacific Coast, and in 1890 was elected grand master of the jurisdiction embracing Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. He took an active interest in politics, and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in Chicago in 1892. He was a member of the lower house of the Oregon Legislature in 1888, and in 1894 was the unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial District. His wife and one son, Floyd, of this city, survive him. They left for Pueblo, Colo., yesterday, to convey the remains of Mr. Daly to New York for burial.

be asked to contribute. Is the latest proposition placed on foot to help the striking anthracite coal miners if they need assistance in their struggle for higher wages and a shorter work day. Henry White, of New York, secretary of the National Garment Workers, and members of the executive committee of the National Civic Federation, had a long conference with President Mitchell today, during which the plan was approved by the miners' chief, and Mr. White will at once begin preparations to carry it out. President Mitchell wants it understood that the Miners' Union will accept no aid until its own resources are exhausted.

Mr. White came here authorized by several labor organizations to place the proposition before President Mitchell. After the conference President Mitchell had nothing to say about the matter beyond the brief statement that he approved the plan. Mr. White gave out the following statement:

"President Mitchell says that, before soliciting outside support, the miners at work must set the example themselves by contributing a considerable portion of their earnings to sustain their fellow-members in the hard coal fields, who are fighting their common battle. This will be determined upon at the Indianapolis convention. Mr. Mitchell also welcomed the aid tendered by men of means and influence outside the ranks of organized labor."

Efforts will also be made to originate a movement throughout the country so that the unions and others may be prepared to collect funds when the time is propitious. "The scheme in brief contemplates the concentration of the energy and resources of organized labor in behalf of the miners' cause, a result which has never before been achieved. It involves the raising of a great amount of money each week with which provisions and other necessities of life will be purchased. The plan has the approval of President Gompers, and it will be placed before the executive council of the American Federation of Labor for endorsement at its sessions which open at San Francisco next week. Mr. Gompers, in his letter of approval, said: 'I beg to say that your action meets with my hearty approval, and you can say so to President Mitchell. Anything which I can do toward bringing about the end desired will be cordially done.'"

"Of course, it is understood that the entire plan is contingent upon the Indianapolis convention of miners voting down a motion for a general strike, as in that event the aid which the soft-coal miners will be able to render would be cut off, as it would be out of the question to try to maintain the vast number who would be involved."

"The operators are counting upon the

crease of wages of the miners who have kept pace with the increasing price of the necessities of life. These men interviewed all persons who are familiar with conditions in the coal region. Their work was done quietly. While in Wilkesbarre Professor Commons held a long conference with President Mitchell, during which he was shown a copy of Mr. Mitchell's statement replying to the letters of the coal operators.

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