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Escaped Folsom Convicts Surrounded on All Sides.

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PLACERVILLE, Cal., July 29.—The pursuit of the escaped convicts from Folsom has centered on Greenwood Canyon, and especially to that part known as Black Rock Canyon, which lies between Cool, Pilot Hill and Greenwood. Sheriff Bosquit's posse has located three of the convicts in that vicinity, and the militia has located the remaining eight close by. Company H has received orders to close in and patrol the canyon.

En-Sheriff Conroy is with Sheriff Bosquit and Sheriff Keene, of Placer County, is now at the other end of the canyon, in the Forest Hill country. Provisions for two days are being forwarded tonight to Company H. It would seem that the convicts have been acting very adversely in their movements.

If tonight's report is correct, there should be a decisive wind-up of the pursuit within the next 12 hours. With several hundred armed men watching every avenue of escape, it hardly seems possible for the convicts to evade their pursuers and get out of the country.

IN A ROUGH COUNTRY.

Pursuing Militia Has Not Sighted Fugitives.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 29.—Captain Swisher, who is in the field in command of the Placer county militia, arrived at Lotus this afternoon and gave an interview to the Sacramento Union by means of the long-distance telephone.

Captain Swisher said: "We have not seen any of the convicts, though the scouts have discovered traces of them as they are making their way through the country. The country is so rough and hard that they make scarcely any trail except where they make a stopping place. Our scouts have been in all directions over the country in this neighborhood and from the signs they have discovered we have hope of locating the escapes. We are about to change our plans and will make another round up of the country."

"For a time it is evident that the convicts kept together, but the tracks now indicate they have split up into at least three bands, though they may come together again. These maneuvers on their part may be for the purpose of throwing us off our guard and keep us from guessing their real purpose. But though we have not seen them we feel confident that they are not far from us. It is just ascertained that the general direction in which the convicts are trying to travel, which seems to be toward Georgetown. As soon as we can make out, the men are about seven miles from Lotus or at least the main body of them are in the district thus indicated. There are still 11 of the convicts in these mountains somewhere."

"If there have been any shots exchanged with the convicts since the fight at Pilot Hill we do not know it and we know anybody who does know of any such thing."

"The houses in this country are few and far between, and it would be thought that they would make for a house to get something to eat or drink, but none of them has appeared at any farm-house in this neighborhood. It seems to me that they cannot keep out much longer, for our information is that they have not much of a supply of provisions. They once show themselves our men will soon root them out of the brush. This is an immense country to hunt over and it is a rough business to do. It is covered with chaparral in which a man can hide so effectively that he might be a few feet away and a searcher not see him."

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Posses' Bullets Met Convicts Emerging From Gulch.

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The convicts were taken completely by surprise. They returned a few shots and fled back into the brush in the creek bottom. They remained there a few minutes and then attempted to escape up the slope of the ridge on the opposite side. As they emerged from the cover they were met by a rain of bullets from the men of Sheriff Keene's posse, who had, during the night, taken up positions on the opposite side of the gulch that the convicts had selected for their campsite.

The two posses had come hot on the trail of the fleeing convicts late yesterday afternoon, and they traced them into the gulch. There they surrounded them and held their positions until daylight, when it was expected the hunted men would come from the cover in the creek bottom in search of food.

So closely have the many posses in the field pursued the escaped convicts that they have been given no opportunity to procure food. All the ranch houses and provision stores within a score of miles of the country where the convicts are known to be, have been guarded by armed men, and no chance has been left open for them to secure provisions. When they fled from the wagon that they had captured and filled with provisions at Pilot Hill, on Monday night, after the battle with posses of their pursuers, they abandoned the last of their supplies, and it is doubtful if they have tasted food since.

MINERS SEEK A SAFE PLACE.

With Their Bags of Gold They Hurry to Auburn.

AUBURN, Cal., July 29.—Word has just been received that the convicts, or at least some of them, are in the vicinity of the Butcher ranch on the Placerville side of the American River, nine miles from Auburn. It is reported that the convicts crossed the river at the mouth of the Butcher, and while there took forcible possession of a Chinese store and helped themselves to a quantity of provisions.

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