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## OUTLAWS ARE SURROUNDED

Militia and Citizens Guarding Tracy and Merrill in Woods.

### WERE SEEN AT FIVE O'CLOCK

Five Shots Were Fired at Them—Sheriff Expects to Capture or Kill Today—Story of Chase.

GERVAIS, Ore., June 11.—Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts, are tonight surrounded in a thicket by 200 armed men one mile east of here. Governor Geer ordered two companies of militia to the scene today, and they and about 80 citizens under arms are now doing guard duty around the woods where the convicts are hiding. Sheriff Durbin will endeavor to prevent the convicts from escaping tonight, and tomorrow he expects to capture them.

They spent the night in a wheat field just outside the city limits, and this morning took breakfast with a wood-chopper named King, with whom they breakfasted yesterday morning. They made no attempt to conceal their identity from King, but demanded something to eat, a pair of pants, hats and a pocket knife.

They left at once, taking their breakfast with them. They were seen at 6 a. m. by a neighboring farmer's wife. King notified the officers, and the trail was taken by bloodhounds. Owing to lack of men, Sheriff Durbin thought best to wait for the arrival of the militia. At 2 p. m. they were seen crossing a field going north. They were frightened back into the woods and were not seen again until 5 o'clock when they were shot at five times while attempting to come out through an old orchard. The woods where they are hiding is a jungle composed of vine maple ravines and swamps. In the past, at two different times, escaped convicts have been captured in these woods. There is no question that prisoners are in the woods. The sheriff has a perfect system of pickets covering five miles of road surrounding the woods, and escape seems impossible. The guns taken from Dr. White and Ed. Dupuis last night were found this morning, also a discarded coat and ammunition pouch.

### THE DAY'S HISTORY.

GERVAIS, June 11.—Tracy and Merrill were observed in a wheat field of Ellis Young near the Samuel Brown place at 2:45 this afternoon. The guards are closing in. Company D of Woodburn has arrived. The crisis is at hand.

SALEM, June 11.—Governor Geer has issued an order to Company F, Oregon National Guard, to muster in and proceed to Gervais to join in the chase of the fugitive convicts. Captain Kurtz is gathering up his men and will lead in a carryall as many as it will hold, and drive down as fast as possible. The remainder of the company will go down by the afternoon train.

GERVAIS, June 11.—August King came in this morning from his cabin, one mile east of town, saying that Merrill and Tracy appeared at his place this morning at 4 o'clock and demanded breakfast. The posse was about to renew the man hunt, and no time was lost in getting to the scene where the murderers had been seen.

When the convicts appeared this morning they poked the door open and walked in, each holding a rifle ready for action.

"Well, you know who we are now, don't you?" said the convicts. "Yes," answered King. "And let me advise you to get out of here, as the officers are after you."

"Give us breakfast, a hat, knife and pants," was the next command. King obeyed. He passed over a pocket knife, overalls, oil hat and gave them a loaf of bread. The convicts stood throughout the interview and one of them was somewhat lame.

As soon as King considered it safe to leave he went to town and informed the posse. King refused to return to his cabin, declaring he would take no

more chances until the convicts were captured.

Twenty men, armed with rifles, marched to King's cabin, where they had beat over the ground last evening. With the scent but an hour and a half old it was believed that the bloodhounds would be able to pick up the trail and quickly run down the convicts.

The hounds began to work rapidly and soon found and followed the tracks of their quarry. With long, deep bays, they went down the graveyard road from King's shack, with the posse following at a respectful distance.

The bandits are now located in the timber in the vicinity of King's cabin. The hounds have traced them into the brush and there is no doubt that the criminals are somewhere in the woods within an area of about 100 acres.

Shooting and death are expected before night is over. Tracy and Merrill will not give up and it is expected that they will not be caught alive. The convicts have everything to gain and nothing to lose. They are desperate and will probably take any kind of chances.

### MUST STAY SINGLE.

An Excellent Precedent for Many Bachelors.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 11.—The general synod of the Reformed church in America at last night's session discussed the question "May students in the seminary being educated for the ministry, marry while pursuing their studies?"

Some members of the synod contended that the call to the ministry some times comes to a rich young man who is able to support a wife, and those argued that the prohibition of this kind would serve as a hardship on such students. It was concluded that the poor student who was being educated at the expense of the board was handicapped in the way of matrimony and must persevere keep his connubial inclinations under curb until prosperous days. The report of the committee on education showed a large decrease in the number of candidates of the ministry.

### WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER.

Only Twenty Out of Five Hundred Escape.

LONDON, June 11.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Express says a report has reached there from Constantinople to the effect that the Arab tribesmen have massacred a caravan of wealthy merchants in the desert at a point 100 miles from Koweit, in Asiatic Turkey. According to the Constantinople report only 20 persons out of 500 who composed the caravan, escaped.

### CUSTER CITY OPENED.

PUEBLO, Col., June 11.—Starting of new towns in the West has become infrequent. A full-grown town with all the trimmings has been formally opened near the Bassick Hector mines eight miles east of Silver Cliff and near the Bassick mine. Its name is Custer City. The houses were built here in sections and shipped by rail to West Cliff and then by teams up the hill. Speeches, music and feasting were the principal features of the opening celebration, the principal speaker being ex-Governor Alva Adams, Col. A. A. Pope, of Boston, is a prominent backer of the new town.

### ALBERT OF SAXONY ILL.

BERLIN, June 11.—King Albert, of Saxony, who has been ill for some time, has so far improved that the Saxon cabinet has dissolved its permanent sitting. The crown prince and crown princess of Saxony have left Berlin for Dresden. This step is it being well that the heir to the throne should be at the Saxon capital immediately to take the oath in case of necessity.

King Albert has granted several pardons. The king's confessor, who has been at his majesty's bedside, declares the king's condition to be most critical.

### THE MINUET REVIVED.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Many new dances are being practiced by delegates to the convention of the Normal School Association of Masters of Dancing of the United States and Canada, now in session here. They will be officially announced tomorrow. Among them is a minuet of the seventeenth century. This, the convention has decided, will be one of the most fashionable dances of the coming season. Seventeenth century costumes were worn to heighten the effect.

### OREGON MASONS ELECT.

PORTLAND, June 11.—Grand lodge officers were elected by Masons this afternoon as follows:

M. W. Grand Master—W. F. Butcher of Baker City; Deputy Grand Master—S. M. Yoran, of Eugene.

## ILLINOIS IS STORM SWEEPED

Death and Devastation for Two Hundred Miles Across the State.

### SEVEREST STORM ON RECORD

Every Town in McLean County Wiped Out—Peoria Suffers Million Dollar Loss of Property.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., June 11.—Sweeping over a stretch of country one hundred miles in width, and devastating a territory fully 200 miles long, extending from Livingston county on the north to McCoubin county on the south, and leaving its mark clear across the face of Central Illinois, a tornado last night inflicted a property loss which will aggregate a million dollars and cost many lives. The brunt of the storm fell upon McLean and adjoining counties. The wind reached a velocity of one hundred miles an hour, and the visitation was the worst ever recorded in the history of Central Illinois. Not a village or city of McLean county escaped.

### SEVERE AT PEORIA.

PEORIA, Ill., June 11.—Peoria was swept by the worst storm in years at a late hour last night. It struck the city, traveling at the rate of 50 miles an hour. At least ten people are dead and several others will die from their injuries. Property damage will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Every railroad entering the city is crippled. Factories throughout the city are completely crippled and almost every smokestack is down.

The storm was the most destructive at Kingston mines, a small village four miles from Peoria. The record of the storm there is appalling. An electrical storm swept over the village first, followed by a tornado. The path was 200 feet wide, and it swept everything before it.

Three lives were lost and several others will die from injuries received. Sixteen persons were injured. Sixteen homes are completely demolished.

### BASE BALL

#### NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

At Butte—Butte, 18; Portland, 6. At Helena—Helena, 9; Seattle, 2. At Tacoma—Tacoma, 7; Spokane, 4.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 6; Washington, 3. At Detroit—Detroit, 5; Baltimore, 2. At Chicago—Chicago, 7; Boston, 2. At Cleveland—Philadelphia, 4; Cleveland, 2.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—Boston, 3; Chicago, 2. At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 3; Cincinnati, 2.

### SHAM BATTLE WILL BE HELD.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—After several years of almost entirely theoretical work, the general board of the navy is now preparing to demonstrate by practical test the soundness of its theories. Rear-Admiral Philip H. Cooper has been placed in charge of the preparation for war of the district extending from Chatham light, Cape Cod, to Barnegat light, New Jersey. Rear-Admiral Kempff has been given duty of a similar character on the Pacific coast. These two officers will follow the plans of the board by placing the defenses of the coast which come under the control of the navy in condition best to withstand a mimic attack of a foreign fleet, simulated by the North Atlantic fleet on one side and the North Pacific squadron on the other.

### FINAL VOTE ON CANAL BILL.

June 19th to Decide Between Nicaragua and Panama.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Just before adjournment today the senate agreed to vote finally on the Nicaragua bill and all pending amendments on Thursday, June 19, voting to begin at 2 p. m. Before consideration of the canal question as resumed today, the motion of Wellington, of Maryland, to discharge the committee on privileges and elections from further consideration of the resolution providing for the submission of amendments to the constitution for

election of senators by the people, was defeated 21 to 25.

Fairbanks, of Indiana, in a carefully considered speech, favored the construction of the Isthmian canal by the Panama route. Originally, he said, he had favored the Nicaragua route, but investigation of the subject, coupled with the determination of the Isthmian commission, had induced him to change his mind in favor of the Panama route.

He argued that that route not only would be cheaper in the first instance, but cheaper in operation after the canal was constructed. He earnestly favored the construction of the canal and resented the intimation that those who favored the Panama route were in the least opposed to the canal.

### RAISES WATER LEVEL.

Mont Pelee Is Not Yet on Retired List.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., June 11.—In the course of the eruption of Mont Pelee which occurred on June 6, the sea rose about 28 inches at Port de France and then fell again. The rise of the water did not cause any damage.

The French cable repair ship Puyeur Quartier was directly opposite the lower crater of the mountain on June 6, grappling for a cable five miles off shore, when dense black clouds shot down from the volcano in the direction of the sea. This phenomenon was similar to that of May 5, but the clouds moved in another direction. The Puyeur Quartier fled from the spot at full speed and the clouds followed the steamer about one mile astern. The vessel's decks were covered deep with ashes, mud and stones, which rained from a huge cloud that had shot up to a great height from the top of the crater. Ashes from this cloud fell upon the island of St. Lucia. A few persons who were in boats between Le Precheur and Carbet near St. Pierre lost their lives in the eruption on June 6.

### THEY COMBINE INCORPORATED.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Articles of incorporation of the United States Shipbuilding Company, just formed with a capital of \$20,000,000, not including \$16,000,000 in bonds, probably will be filed in Trenton, N. J., tomorrow. The president of the corporation will probably be H. T. Scott, of San Francisco, with Lewis Nixon as vice-president. These two officers possibly may be interchanged, Mr. Nixon being made president. The directors will include Charles J. Canale, Lewis Nixon, E. W. Hyde, Henry T. Scott, John S. Hyde, C. R. Hanscomb, Irving M. Scott and H. W. Gause.

### AN INDIAN TERRITORY GUSHER.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., June 11.—An oil gusher has been struck at Red Fork, I. T., which is pronounced by experts as being one of the most promising discoveries in the Indian Territory oil field. Oil was struck at a depth of 1500 feet. Experts say the quality is first-class and the supply practically inexhaustible. The Red Fork field has been under development for about a year and this well is by far the best strike of oil yet made. The people of Red Fork are greatly excited and believe their field will eventually rival Beaumont. Many prospectors are arriving to look at the field.

### IMMENSE SUBWAY FOR CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Former Mayor Hempstead Washburn, William Alexander and H. S. Gregory will soon ask the council for permission to build a subway extending to all parts of the city and honeycombing the entire downtown district. An expenditure of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 is contemplated by the projectors.

## BLOODY MASSACRE OF YAQUI INDIANS

Neither Women Nor Children Were Spared by Mexican Soldiers.

### AGED AND INFANTS SLAIN

After Killing 80 Men Troops Exhaust Themselves Slaughtering Women and Children.

TUSCON, Ariz., June 11.—Colonel William Christy, president of the Valley Bank, Phoenix, arrived here today from Prietas, Sonora, with details of the massacre of Yaqui Indians, men, women and children, yesterday in Santa Rosa canyon, 25 miles from Minas Prietas mines, by a detachment of General Torres' troops.

Yaqui forces that were operating in that section moved further into the mountains leaving their women and children in Santa Rosa canon under the guard of 80 men. Mexican troops came upon this band, and without warning opened a terrible fire, sparing neither women nor children. After the first volley the troops charged down upon the panic stricken victims and massacred all within their reach. Of the guard of Yaquis not a single one survived and over a hundred women and children fell victims to Mexican bullets and bayonets. Many of the killed were infants. The Mexican troops only dropped their fearful work of shooting and bayoneting their victims when exhausted from their labors. The Yaqui say they are driven to desperation by the Mexicans and as a last resort have taken up arms to protect their rights. Mexican government appears to be exterminating the Yaqui people, Mr. Christy says, and men and boys falling into their hands are shot.

### INCENDIARY FOREST FIRES.

DENVER, June 11.—Considerable anxiety is felt by federal and state land officials over the danger of forest fires in the mountains. At present there are three fires raging in Colorado and should the dry weather continue, it is feared a vast amount of damage will be done. For four days a fierce fire has been devastating the heavy woods near Red Cliff, in Eagle county. Near Rendi, 50 miles west of Leadville, another fire is raging, while a third is reported southwest of Morrison. It is declared that the fires were all maliciously started.

### THE SUGAR ISLE.

HAVANA, June 11.—An official report just published shows that 724,000 tons of sugar were manufactured in Cuba between January 1 and June 16. Two hundred and thirty-eight thousand tons of this sugar was shipped away from the island and the remainder is being held to await the result of the movement to receive reciprocity with the United States.

### DEATH BY CHOLERA.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The navy department is informed by cable of the death of John L. Lynch, a private in the marine corps, at Cavite, P. I., of cholera.

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