

BOY BANDITS WHO JUMPED TRAIN ARE BACK BEHIND BARS

"Never again," said James Milnor this morning in the office of United States Marshal George F. Alexander when asked how many more times he was going to try to escape.

Milnor and Harry Hoffee arrived in Portland at 7:30 o'clock this morning in the custody of Deputy United States Marshal D. S. Bassett of Los Angeles, heavily ironed and apparently subdued after their exciting escapade Tuesday in escaping from a Southern Pacific train at Gregory, Cal.

LEG SPRAINED IN LEAP
Hoffee was clad only in his first birthday clothes, while Milnor wore but a pair of "B. V. D.s" when they leaped from the rear platform of their coach to a siding track as the train was traveling about 15 miles an hour up a steep grade at Gregory.

Milnor's left leg was sprained in the jump, but Hoffee was uninjured. Milnor said he jumped first, because they could not both jump together, and that he was injured in the landing. He did follow him close enough. The boys were in the next to the last coach, so they were out of danger from being crushed by the train as soon as one coach had passed.

NAUGHTY SLEEPS
About 4 a. m. Tuesday the boys said they awakened and found the marshal asleep on the cot in the drawing room, which they and two other prisoners were occupying. Marshal Bassett and a guard were bringing five prisoners north, three of whom were from McNella Island penitentiary.

When the boys arose they found their clothing had been hidden, so they took the marshal's overcoat, trousers, and the guard's shoes, a pair of shoes from one of the passengers, and Milnor found his mackinaw under the berth occupied by the guard.

The boys could not put on any of the clothes as they were handcuffed and leg-ironed together, so they threw the clothing from the train and jumped.

Over the continuous remonstrances of local officials both boys declared that the chain between the legions broke as they jumped so that they were only bound together by the handcuffs when they hit the ground. By hammering on the handcuffs with a rock Milnor said they broke the chain between the handcuffs so that they then had no iron "bracelets" around one leg and one wrist. It was then possible for them to put on the clothing they had thrown from the train and protect themselves from the bitter cold.

After walking north along the track about a mile the boys found a box of provisions which had been put off for a farmer. They broke open two cans of salmon and had their breakfast. By clever maneuvering and handling of a large rock the boys say they broke off the legions.

USE HACKSAW

Several miles farther north the boys ran across a tool box alongside the track and opened it. They found inside something to remove the remainder of the handcuffs. They found only a pick handle, but while closing the box spied a broken hacksaw on top of the box.

Milnor said they sawed the handcuffs off their wrists with this broken, rusty hacksaw. The boys kept walking north along the track until they came to an empty section house, where they found an old pair of overalls.

The boys then took a 20-mile hike to Siskiyou, where they were recaptured while hiding in a boxcar. They were found by Sheriff Andy Calkins of Yreka, Cal. Calkins turned them over to the ticket agent at Siskiyou and started north in search of Marshal Bassett, who was reported to be walking south from Ashland. Bassett was soon located and identified the prisoners.

WORE MARSHAL'S TROUSERS
When arrested Milnor was wearing the marshal's trousers, the passenger's shoes and the guard's mackinaw. Hoffee was wearing the marshal's overcoat, the guard's shoes, a pair of blue overalls obtained in the shack and a shirt which had been left in Milnor's mackinaw.

The boys also got the marshal's money, \$11, when they got his trousers. As the marshal's coat and overcoat were left in the boxcar, the boys had no way of spending the money, local federal agents are of the opinion that the boys did not get the handcuffs off alone, but that they paid someone the difference to help them. Both boys denied this accusation.

Milnor and Hoffee escaped from the Multnomah county jail on the night of March 1 with two other boys, the latter being arrested at Albany the following day.

HOW THEY ESCAPED
Milnor said they took a broom and broke the plaster from the ceiling in the juvenile ward at the county jail and then raised themselves up into the attic over the jail.

After crawling along for a short distance in the three foot space they came to a tin ventilator, which they broke giving them access to the roof. The

BOY BANDITS IN IRONS



From left—Deputy United States Marshal D. S. Bassett of Los Angeles, James Milnor and Harry Hoffee.

four boys proceeded to the other side of the building from where they found an easy avenue of escape via the elevator opening and stairway. They walked down the main front stairs of the court-house past a janitor and two other men, unobserved.

The boys made for the East Portland freight yards of the P. R. L. & P. Co. and jumped on a freight train there, thinking they were on a Southern Pacific electric freight train going south. They soon realized their mistake, and walked back to Portland to the Brooklyn yards.

GO TO CALIFORNIA

"We ditched the other two boys after this," said Milnor, "because they were too slow. We traveled south on trains." Arriving at San Francisco the boys obtained jobs as caddy boys at the golf links. They traveled south on trains, and when they decided to go to Los Angeles, Milnor said they started robbing stores to obtain money and clothes. It was during their third robbery of a combination hardware and clothing store that they were captured by Police Sergeant F. P. Stetson. Hoffee had found an automatic revolver shortly after they entered the store, and when he saw the sergeant he attempted to shoot him, but the gun jammed.

BOTH SEATTLE BOYS
Hoffee lives with his parents at 115 Nob Hill, Seattle, and Milnor with his parents at 1117 Ninth avenue west, Seattle. Both are members of large families. Milnor's father is a police captain and Hoffee's brother is part owner of a tool shop. Milnor was a student at the Queen Ann high school before leaving, but Hoffee was not going to school.

Milnor and Hoffee and John Hoffee, a 15-year-old brother, and Howard Hudson, stole a high powered automobile in Seattle during the latter part of February and decided to go for a joy ride. They spent the night of February 28 in Portland.

Deputy Sheriff Bert noticed the car parked in the Woodstock district on his way home that night. The next morning on the way to work he also noticed it, and looking inside found the four sleepy lads. He arrested them. Bert ordered the boys to drive the car to the courthouse, but on the way to the city they were involved in an accident with an automobile and the boys escaped him by turning down a side street.

ESCAPE FROM JAIL
They happened to turn down a mud street, so their car soon mired in the mud. The boys then fled by foot. One of them was caught by a pedestrian, but he got up the story that he had just broken a small window down the street and they wanted to "hang him" for it, so he was released.

Bert notified the sheriff's office at once after the boys escaped, and within a few hours the quartet were arrested in the railroad yards near the East Morrison street depot.

During the following night Milnor and Harry Hoffee and two other boys escaped from the county jail. John Hoffee and Hudson have been waiting trial all this time in the county jail. The charge against the four boys, which is violation of the national motor vehicle theft act, will be presented to the federal grand jury next week.

SENATOR PENROSE NEARLY WRECKED

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views on Einstein's theory of relativity.

PENROSE TAKES PRIZE

Mr. Williams answers: "I have long contended that the wittiest, the vaguest and the most indefinite man in this body is the senator from Pennsylvania, and I do not believe that anything more vague or indefinite than himself. I frankly confess I do not understand Einstein. I frankly confess that I do not believe the senator from Pennsylvania understands Einstein. I frankly confess that I do not believe that even the senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Lodge) would make a very positive pretense in that direction."

EINSTEIN WRECKED PENROSE
Whereupon Mr. Penrose rejoins: "I own a volume of Einstein in the introduction of which it is stated that there are only 12 men in all the world who understand the book. I thought perhaps the senator from Mississippi was one of them. I confess that I have nearly lost my mental faculties in trying to understand Einstein."

Not to be squelched, however, Senator Williams continues: "I believe it was the Earl of Derby who once said that there were only two men who ever understood the near eastern question. One of them was dead and that he himself was getting old and had pretty nearly forgotten it all. So far as Einstein is concerned I did endeavor for a

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Gas Rate Increased
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PREMIER ASSERTS HE WILL HOLD TO HIS IRISH POLICY

By A. E. Johnson

United Press Staff Correspondent
London, April 20.—In a brilliant defense of the government's Irish policy, in which the British position is likened to that of the North during the Civil War—a fight to preserve the union—Lloyd George has replied to resolutions condemning the cabinet's acts and signed by the Bishop of Chelmsford and 19 other Protestant clergymen.

"Your resolution emphatically condemns the government for its alleged 'unlawful' attempt to overcome wrong by a further indefensible wrong," the premier wrote.

BIANES SINN FEIN
"Yet you condemn the Sinn Fein weapon of wholesale murder on the grounds that the end justifies the means. Your resolutions are subversive alike of order, good government, morality and the Christian religion."

Lloyd George declared that he had no desire to minimize the responsibility of Great Britain for the present chaos, but that Sinn Fein was responsible. "The Sinn Fein," he wrote, "has rejected home rule and demands a republic. They deliberately attempt to destroy the present situation, but the biggest issue is Sinn Fein's throwing down of constitutional action and substitution of violence, in order to secure a republic."

WRITES PLAINLY

"I do not contest the Sinn Fein's rights to its contentions and aspirations. What amazes me is that bodies of responsible men and eminent churchmen are publicly justifying cold blooded murder because these novel and extravagant political ideals are not realized."

"I write plainly because the question affects the vital interests of the empire and the world. I fully recognize that the action and inaction of the various political parties in the British government have continued to produce the present situation, but the biggest issue is Sinn Fein's throwing down of constitutional action and substitution of violence, in order to secure a republic."

INVESTIGATES TRUCE
Lloyd George admitted that the government was not entirely blameless, but charged that the clergymen were "prolonging the strife in Ireland as well as striking at the very principles upon which the prosperity, life, liberty and honor of civilized peoples depend."

The premier championed the present policy as the only successful one and declared himself willing for a truce provided permanent results could be obtained from such a movement.

BRANDREE CALLED CORPSE
"I believe in the intelligence of the American people," says Mr. Brandree. "The Republican party will go out of power some day, but I remember eight years ago, in 1912, when we came back here and we were out and you were in, and the pulchritudinous senator from North Carolina, Mr. Overman, who now refreshes the galleries with his senatorial beauty, met me at the door and assured me that the Democratic party was in power for the next 50 years, and wanted to know what I meant, being corrupt and hurrying around here and pretending to be alive."

"Times change, and men change with them. We may go out, of course, but if we do, we will go it as your honored vice president did, with a smile on his face and with a brave heart. Whenever the public gets tired of the Republican party of course they will put them out. They have an awfully poor alternative, of course, and generally these intermissions are very few and far between. Nevertheless we have heard for the last week from our Democratic friends about this very fair program we have adopted are about as absurd as putting them out."

QUOTES FROM KIPPLING
"The tumult and the shouting dies, the captains and the king depart. And the steam roller is about to start."

Whereupon the senate hears a closing oration by Senator Williams who points out that he has heard of the steam roller before, in the days of Aldrich, when Delivered was the insurgent and in the days of Joe Cannon's speakership in the house of representatives.

"About all that Senator Brandree has proved," remarks Mr. Williams, "is that the senator from North Carolina, Mr. Overman, made about the same mistake that he is making now, asserting that when a party got into power it stayed in power forever, and all that it has to do was to selfish and take all the power it could."

Thus is the senate returning to normalcy with its conversation about New York and Einstein, steam rollers and insurgency and the moot question as to the relative intelligence of the electorate.

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Barber Who Shot Couple Not Suicide

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Her husband is at St. Vincent's hospital with a badly shattered right arm.

The shooting of the pair is laid to the jealous rage of Boydston, who was said to be a suitor for the hand of Mrs. Baker. The woman is 29 years of age and pretty.

Boydston left letters to his sister, Mrs. Scott Jones, 1007 Main street, Vancouver, which indicates that the attempted murder of Mr. and Mrs. Baker was premeditated and that it was the intention of the assailant to commit suicide.

HUSBAND WAS ARMY CAPTAIN

The Bakers have been married for three years. The husband was an army captain during the recent war in the Thirty-third division. It is said that Boydston, at that time a strapping doctor on the Woodstock line, became acquainted with Mrs. Baker. For several months he had been attempting to have Mrs. Baker divorce her husband and marry him, but always he had been rejected.

Tuesday afternoon he was evidently awaiting the opportunity to shoot Mr. and Mrs. Baker, for he accosted them when, in company with the 10-year-old sister of the wife, the pair went into the woods near the Baker home to gather some firewood.

While the Bakers were in the woods, Boydston appeared, flourishing a revolver and saying that he would run from no man. Mrs. Baker attempted to protect her husband by stepping in front of him. An argument followed. Later through the stringing of parallel wires would be avoided.

Under the super-power plan all the power plants of the Northwest would be "hooked in" on one service line supplying the industries of the North Pacific territory.

Proponents of the plan say that construction of a joint usage line alone would result in enormous savings in the construction of needless lines for the service of the public.

CHEAPER POWER POSSIBLE
It is also pointed out that it would not be necessary to operate a power plant unless it could be operated at "peak load."

With all the power plants of the Northwest placed in a pooling system a "power reserve" would be created which would provide an added resource for new industries contemplating operation mainly through the use of electricity, say the engineers who are in charge of the Eastern power line construction.

Factories operating at "peak load" could also operate upon a cheaper basis and thus make cheaper power possible, say the engineers supporting the scheme.

Industrial heads of the East who have come to the Pacific Northwest looking for industrial plant locations have said in the past that the one drawback has been the lack of sufficient power at a minimum cost.

WOULD LIFT BURDEN
Electric utilities companies refuse to construct new power plants because of the present building costs, and they look with favor upon the super-power transmission plan as a means of lifting a burden from their shoulders.

Portland civic leaders have long admitted that the lack of power has been the "skeleton in the family closet" of this city and look with interest upon the work of the committee.

William H. Crawford, manager of the department of industries of the Chamber of Commerce, was temporary chairman of the committee at its preliminary meeting. Representatives of the engineering department of the Northwest Electric, P. R. L. & P., and other large power companies were present.

May Extend Electric Line
Vancouver, Wash., April 20.—The extension of an electric line to Fishers and Ellsworth will be discussed at a community meeting to be held Monday night at the Fishers' grand hall. The proposed line will extend to Harmony, Fern Prairie, East Mill Plain, Prune Hill, Fishers, Ellsworth and West Mill Plain. It is expected that the power line of the Northwest Electric company will be extended from Camas to Vancouver, to connect with the cables across the river here. F. L. Gifford, superintendent of electric distribution for the company, will speak at the meeting.

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WOMEN WILL RAISE Money to Furnish New Legion Home

Vancouver, Wash., April 20.—In observance of Memorial week, the Women's club of Vancouver will sell poppies here during the week, May 23 to 30. The proceeds from the sale will be used in furnishing the women's restrooms in the Legion community building.

Dale McMullen and Harry Brace have been appointed by the Legion to make plans for the organization of a track team and a meet has been arranged for July 4. The high school track will be used after the school season closes.

The post went on record as favoring the paying of the polltax for widows and mothers of service men who died in the war, in cases where they are financially unable to meet the obligation.

CALIFORNIA SPUDS ARE TO BE BARRED

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of California or his duly authorized agent, certifying that he has inspected the potatoes in said shipment in the place where grown and at the initial point of shipment and found them to be free from the tuber moth in any stage of development. Such certificate shall be signed in writing and shall specify the locality where said potatoes are grown, the manner of having the same inspected and the number of sacks, boxes or other containers included in the shipment inspected.

"Any shipment of potatoes originating in California which is brought into Oregon must be brought to such place or places as may be designated by the state board of horticulture or the state board of horticulture or some other duly authorized inspector working under the direction of the said state board of horticulture and until permission has been given by the inspector making such inspection to deliver the potatoes. Any person, firm or corporation who shall bring or cause to be brought into the state of Oregon potatoes which are grown in California shall notify the

state board of horticulture or the state inspector of said board and hold the shipment as hereinbefore provided.

2.—If, upon inspection, any of the potatoes in any shipment are found to be infested with the potato tuber moth in any stage of development, the person, firm or corporation who has brought said shipment of potatoes back to California within four days from the date of inspection of said potatoes in the state of Oregon, provided that if the infestation is so serious that the state board of horticulture believes there would be danger of escape of the potato tuber moth from the shipment in course of transit through the state, the person, firm or corporation bringing the shipment into the state will be required to destroy the shipment, including the containers, in such manner as is satisfactory to the inspection officers.

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