

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 15, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## CONVICTS MAKE DARING ESCAPE BY DAYLIGHT

Six Eastern Inmates Overpower Guard, Steal Auto, Rob Farmer of \$200 and Clothing

## PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN CARPENTER SHOPS

Collapsible Rope Concealed in Cedar Chest; "Break" Long Planned

PHILADELPHIA, July 14.—Six convicts today made one of the most daring escapes in the history of the Eastern State penitentiary and up to tonight had not been caught. Several hours after the escape six men wearing prison garb rode into Ogden, Del., in a red motor car, held up a farmer and robbed him of \$200 and a quantity of clothing.

With one exception all the escaped prisoners were from Philadelphia. Prisoners and guards at the prison told how the six had plotted their escape. Some of the prisoners were employed in the carpenter shop and in the course of their work they made a cedar chest more than six feet long, in which they smuggled a collapsible ladder that had been put together from time to time.

Guard Is Assaulted  
This chest evidently was locked as its contents were never discovered. When the appointed hour came the chest was carried to the prison yard by the convicts. This they were able to do, as they were members of the "police gang," whose duty it was to keep the prison clean.

While the ladder was being put together Charles Toomey, serving time for a \$300,000 bank embezzlement in this city, passed by and tried to dissuade the men from escaping. He was backed against a wall at the point of a gun. Then a guard appeared and he was knocked out with the butt end of a pistol.

Disappeared Over Bridge  
All six prisoners climbed up the wall and another guard was encountered, overpowered and locked in the watchman's tower on the wall. The prisoners dropped two ropes, the ends of which were fastened to the wall, and the men slipped to the street. They tried to steal a closed automobile nearby but found it locked. A small motor truck came into view at that moment and the driver was forced to abandon it.

The convicts abandoned the machine and commandeered another, a half mile away. They were last seen crossing Girard avenue bridge in Fairmount park before they were reported in Delaware.

## Chicken Thieves Work Rapidly at Silvertown

SILVERTOWN, Or., July 14.—(Special to The Statesman).—The chicken thieves who have been working east of Silvertown for a few weeks have been going into their work with a vim recently. One chicken fancier reports his loss as amounting to almost 300 purebred chickens. Others report recent losses of from one dozen to 25 chickens. One of the East Silvertown residents found the thieves in his chicken pens, but they escaped before he was able to catch them. However, he secured the license plate of the car they abandoned in their hurried exit. It is reported that there were five grown men in the party.

## JEWELRY MAN ROBBED

DETROIT, Mich., July 14.—Joseph Loudas, a jewelry salesman from M. H. Mann & Co., 150 Broadway, New York, was held up at the door of his room at a local hotel tonight and robbed of jewels valued at \$200,000.

## THE WEATHER

OREGON:—Unsettled, probably showers and local thunderstorms and cooler Sunday.

LOCAL (Saturday)  
Maximum temperature, 94.  
Minimum temperature, 65.  
River, falling.  
Atmosphere, clear.  
Wind, south.

## SEVEN THOUSAND IS SUBSCRIBED TO FUND FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Bush Gives \$3000 and Nine Others \$500 Each—Campaign Workers to Go Forth Early Monday Morning With Determination to Finish in Four Days—Meet Every Noon.

To the amounts already subscribed, these additional subscriptions were given yesterday towards the Salem Hospital fund:

A. N. Bush	\$3,000
C. P. Bishop	500
T. B. Kay	500
George F. Rodgers	500
Russell Catlin	500
Miller Mercantile company	500
Portland Railway, Light & Power company	500
Salem Water Light & Power company	500
Willamette Grocery company, by Theo. Roth	500
T. B. Jones	500

## NORTHWEST HOT; MERCURY VARIES

Salem Reports 94 Degrees Again—Other Oregon Points Sweltering

For two days in succession the mercury mounted in the tube until it came to rest at the 94 degree mark. While the maximum temperatures were the same both Friday and Saturday, the minimum temperatures varied, with 59 for Friday and 65 yesterday. Saturday evening was considerably cooler than Friday, as a cooler breeze was noted.

PORTLAND, Or., July 14.—Although a maximum of 94 degrees had been forecast early today by the weather bureau, the highest temperature attained was 91 degrees, at late afternoon. Thereafter there was a subsidence of the heat. All Oregon sweltered throughout the day. Eastern and southern Oregon points reported temperatures ranging between 95 and 100. Cooler weather was forecast for tomorrow.

TACOMA, July 14.—The hottest temperature in 11 years was recorded on the thermometer in the government observatory today when 93 degrees were recorded at 3 o'clock. Observer L. C. Covei predicted that the temperature would continue to rise slightly until 4 o'clock.

The hottest day on record here was July 3, 1906, when a temperature of 95.6 was reached.

## A. N. GILBERT PASSES BEYOND

Had Long, Honorable Military, Business, Political and Official Career

Hon. A. N. Gilbert passed to the great beyond at his late home, 295 North Liberty street, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, aged 83 years and 4 months. He was born at Grand View, Illinois, March 18, 1840. He served in the 12th Illinois Infantry, being with the first seven regiments going with Grant. He was wounded at Shiloh. Afterwards he went with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea. He was made hospital steward about the middle of the war. He had enlisted at the first call to arms.

After the war was over, he came west. Falling to connect with an immigrant train, he rode a horse and led a pack horse from Illinois to Oregon, coming by way of Fort Benton over the Mullan trail. He rode into Salem, arriving in August, 1866. He first clerked in the grocery store of the late John G. Wright. Then he was for a time in partnership with his brother, John W. Gilbert, in which I. L. Patterson after that he was a partner in the same line of business with Charles Usafova. In 1878 he went into the grocery business, in which I. L. Patterson afterwards joined him. While he retired from active business about 30 years ago, the firm of Gilbert & Patterson continued to operate.

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## NIGHT ATTACK IS STAGED BY 7 DESTROYERS

Four Battleships "Captured" Off Washington Coast; Merchantman Flees

PORT ANGELES, Wash., July 14.—Seven destroyers "captured" four battleships and the supply ship Melville in a night attack off the Washington coast, it was announced here today.

In spite of the lookouts stationed on every battleship and on the destroyer tender operating as part of the battle fleet, the lean gray destroyers sneaked into effective range for shots and flashed a red light signalling "contact."

Immediately the battleships, which had been running almost noiselessly, turned on all their lights. A merchantman nearby seemed terrified by the appearance of the brilliantly lighted ships running where dead darkness had been a moment before. The merchantman, related the navy men, turned out to sea and made off with all possible speed.

## TWO TRAINMEN ARE KILLED BY WRECK

Engine Load Too Light, Declares Survivor; Leaves Rails on Curve

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 14.—Two men were killed and a third, vainly attempting the rescue of the others, was painfully burned when a Rock Island "helper" engine overturned on a curve between Ramah and Simla, 50 miles east of Colorado Springs today.

The dead are: G. D. Stephenson, 54, Denver, engineer, and H. F. Bonstelle, 40, of Limon, Colo. George Oswald, a brakeman of Colorado Springs, was uninjured when the locomotive left the tracks, but returning to aid the others, received deep burns about the face, hands and feet. He was brought to a hospital here, where his condition is reported as serious.

The accident occurred as the locomotive without cars was backing toward Limon, after assisting a westbound passenger train over the grade to Tipton, east of Calhan.

According to Oswald, the accident was caused by the fact that the locomotive tender, only partly full of water and carrying only a few tons of coal, was too light to hold the track.

## WOMEN INFORMED OF WORLD COURT

Connection With League of Nations Against It, Says Senator Walsh

HELENA, Mont., July 14.—In an address before a large audience in the Unitarian church here tonight under the auspices of the league of women voters, United States Senator T. J. Walsh gave a detailed explanation of the creation and proposed working of the international court of justice.

Opening his address, Senator Walsh said that he did not intend to make argument for or against membership in the court but at the end of his talk, which was an explanation in detail of the working of the court, Senator Walsh declared:

"At the outset I said I would not make an argument for or against the court but I cannot refrain from expressing my humiliation that this great tribunal for which the world has looked so long and hopeful should be established without aid or participation by this great peace loving republic."

The plan for the election of the judges to the international court of justice was originated by Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, who was asked to participate in drawing the statute providing for the election of the judges, said Senator Walsh.

The only argument he has heard against the world court is that it was connected with the league of nations, he said.

## JAP SHIP IN DANGER

ASTORIA, Ore., July 14.—A wireless message from North Head tonight said that the crew of the Japanese steamer Yonan Maru, around in the Columbia river, had been taken off, and that the vessel was deserted. Her position, according to the message, was regarded as dangerous.

## M'ADOO STILL UNDECIDED AS TO CANDIDACY

Business, Not Politics, Occupying Time on Business Trip, Declares Former Cabinet Member

## REFUSES TO DISCUSS HENRY FORD'S CHANCE

Presidential Nomination Is Described as American Free-for-All

CHICAGO, July 14.—There is no reason why Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer, should not enter the 1924 presidential race, if he desires to be a candidate, according to William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, who passed through Chicago on his way to New York.

"The presidential race is the great American free-for-all," Mr. McAdoo said when a newspaper reporter asked him what he thought of Mr. Ford's chances.

"I see no reason why he should not enter it if he desires to be a candidate."

The former treasury secretary said that he had made no statement in Kansas City last night as reported, that he had not decided if he would seek the nomination for the presidency. He said that he had not discussed politics while in Kansas City.

"My trip is a business one and it is important enough to bring me clear across the continent in mid-summer," he said. "I am not discussing politics at all on this trip."

## Government Offer Taken; Single Bug Is Shipped

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The offer of the department of agriculture to buy 1200 bed bugs for its insect experimental station at Vienna, Va., has not been without result.

Today a single bug, shipped from Philadelphia in a tiny pasteboard box, reached the station alive and well and ready to make the supreme sacrifice in the name of science. Officials would not disclose the exact address of the Martyr's former domicile.

## SALEM PROGRAM TO BE BROADCAST FROM OREGONIAN'S TOWER

Mayor Giesy to Give Ten-minute Address and Local Musicians to Entertain All Western America Monday Evening—Radio Fans Within Circle of 2000 Miles Will Listen.

Mayor John B. Giesy will deliver a 10-minute address Monday evening at 9:30 o'clock and his audience will be partly in the neighborhood of Calgary, Canada; others on the Hawaiian islands, while another part of his audience will be away down close to the Mexican border. Also, Salem, Ore. This extensive audience is due to the fact that the Oregonian at Portland invited the Salem Chamber of Commerce to put on a community program Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 Monday evening from the Oregonian radio station, broadcasting on 492 meters.

## Women Delegates Taken Over Columbia Highway

PORTLAND, July 14.—Four hundred automobiles returned here tonight from an all-day trip on the Columbia river highway, loaded with delegates to the national convention of business women, which closed last night. Tomorrow a special trainload of delegates will make an excursion to Seaside. Many will leave for their homes upon their return here tomorrow night, and by Monday all will have gone. The only unfinished business is a meeting of the new executive committee, which will be held some time Sunday.

## "DRY" MEN GUILTY

DENVER, Colo., July 14.—Four former prohibition agents who served under E. H. McClenahan, pleaded guilty to charges of making false reports were fined \$300 each in the United States court today.

## REPARATIONS ANSWER GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT

Reply to German Memorandum Must Be Expressed in Proper Terms Believed by British Cabinet

## ADVICE OF AMERICA MAY BE CONSIDERED

Passive Resistance to Be Touched Upon; Must Not Offend French

LONDON, July 14.—(By The Associated Press).—The members of the British cabinet will forego their usual golf, cricket and tennis over the week-end so as to give undivided thought to Great Britain's forthcoming reply to the German memorandum regarding reparations. It is desired to find the best form of expression so as not to run counter to French sensibilities.

It is hoped to have the complete draft finished by the latter part of next week.

It is expected Washington will be acquainted with the contents of the document at the time as the allied powers.

The best manner in which to phrase Great Britain's acceptance of the plan for an international body of experts to appraise Germany's financial strength, as advised originally by the American secretary of state, is giving the cabinet members a good deal of thought.

They desire to find some way of overcoming France's contention that such an organization is not envisaged by the Versailles treaty and that therefore its decisions would be without judicial force. They will probably suggest the idea that such a body could act as a subsidiary to the existing reparation commission, and its findings and recommendations be normally if not legally binding.

The cabinet is also canvassing the question as to how far it is expedient in the draft reply to touch upon Germany's passive resistance, suspension of which France regards as indispensable to any negotiations.

## DEPOT PRAYER BY NORSKY IS MISCONSTRUED

St. Paul Police Arrest Traveler and Take Him to Hospital; Ticket Lost

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 14.—Trygve Romming of Norway, on his way to visit a brother at Astoria, Or., was a mental patient at a local hospital here tonight. He had lost his railroad ticket here and because of his strange actions railroadmen refused to take him on the train, and notified the police.

Romming, at first refused entrance to the United States by immigration officials, according to the story he told to the Norwegian consul here, finally was granted conditional permission to enter and visit his brother at Astoria. When he arrived at St. Paul to change trains his ticket had disappeared, and he appealed to the Norwegian consul here, who furnished him with another ticket.

He was kneeling in the depot here offering a prayer when police took him to the hospital.

## HARDING INSPECTS GOVERNMENT MINE

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Alaskan Machinery Is Found Rusting

ABOARD PRESIDENT HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Alaska Railroad, July 14.—(By The Associated Press).—President Harding, traveling over the Alaska railroad from Seward to Fairbanks, today inspected the Chickaloon mines, where the American navy made its first experiment, generally regarded as unsuccessful, in the production of coal.

The presidential train was run up from Matanuska, on the main line 20 miles north of Anchorage, during the night, and after breakfast aboard, President Harding, in company with Secretaries Hoover and Work, inspected the properties. These were rendered inoperative after the navy department, following a policy set in 1917, had expended about \$1,000,000.

The president was told that the coal, which is a soft anthracite, was available in large quantities, but that the cost of production was too great. The party saw thousands of dollars worth of machinery rusting away, and a deserted village of about 20 houses and bungalows, with electric light, water and a ball park.

Returning to Matanuska, the president saw the bituminous coal fields from which the Alaska railroad gets its entire supply.

The train then proceeded northward toward Fairbanks, where it is due to arrive tomorrow night.

## FOREIGN MONIES ARE NOT QUOTED

German Marks Drops from Sight; Other Exchange Rates Are Not Given

## KLEAGLE KOLLECTS KLAN KANDIDATES

Konvention Held Without Masks; Figures on Initiates Are Varied

SEATTLE, July 14.—Sheriff Matt Starwick took three deputies with him today to a picnic held by the Ku Klux Klan at Renton Junction, south of this city, lingered for a while looking in vain for any one wearing a mask in violation of state law, and left the deputies on the lookout and returned home.

The sheriff, whose announcement that he would not permit masks to be worn at the picnic resulted in a vain request by Luther I. Powell, king kleeagle of the Klan in the Pacific northwest domain, that Governor Harbo send troops to "protect" the picnickers in their regalia, declined a proposal to have his picture taken with officers of the organization.

King Kleeagle Powell announced that 1200 candidates were initiated into membership tonight. Newspapers declared that the class of candidates did not exceed 500.

## M'DOUGAL IS CLEARED

PORTLAND, July 14.—Walter C. McDougal was cleared of the charge of kidnapping his nine-year old son when a not true bill was returned Friday by the Multnomah county grand jury. McDougal was accused of kidnapping the boy from the Hill Military Academy by his divorced wife, Isabel McDougal.

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