

SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

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## AMMONIA ENDS LONG BATTLE AT PRISON

### Three Murder Convicts are Found Dead After 81 Hours' Siege—Two Apparently Took Own Lives

### DISPUTED BARRICADE ENTERED LATE IN DAY

### Party Goes Carefully Thru No Man's Land But Siege of Eddyville is Ended

PADUCAH, Ky., Oct. 6.—(By Associated Press.)—Three convict murderers, who since Wednesday have held prison authorities at bay, killing three guards, as they fired from the mess hall of the Western Kentucky state penitentiary, were found dead today when the besiegers entered the bullet-torn stronghold after flooding the building with ammonia fumes. After the deadly gases had been turned into the barricaded cover of the desperate trio and all signs of life were lacking, a storming party of seven men entered the building. All was quiet on the first floor and they moved cautiously on to the second. There they found the bodies of the men who died with the blood of three prison guards, victims of the gunmen's automatic pistols when the break for liberty was made early Wednesday morning on their hands.

Bodies on Second Floor  
Monte Walters, fully dressed apparently had been killed by bullets fired during the siege. Lawrence Griffith and Barry Ferland, his companions, stripped to the waist, were dead from bullet wounds through the heart. Griffith and Ferland, it was believed, died by their own pistols.

Indications were that the three gunmen had been dead for at least 36 hours, Griffith and Ferland possibly longer.

The storming party entered the mess hall at 5:19 o'clock. Authorities succeeded in entering the disputed barricade after a spectacular siege of 81 hours in the course of which prison guards reinforced by two details of Kentucky national guardsmen, riddled the building with withering barrages of steel jacketed bullets from the high-powered rifles and two machine guns; swept the interior of the building with the shrapnel formed by bursting rifle grenades and were successful in planting tear gas in the building.

The siege was on through successive days and nights without authorities apparently having progressed materially in efforts to dislodge the desperadoes.

Ammonia Aids  
Today, however, 300 pounds of 100 proof ammonia, was obtained from Paducah and emergency pipe lines were laid to the beleaguered building by members of the attacking forces, working behind the protection of improved metal shields. When this work was completed, the ammonia, held under compression in heavy metal drums, was released.

For an hour, the ammonia was permitted to creep into the mess hall. Then the control valves were closed and another anxious hour passed while besiegers waited for the wind to sweep the fumes clear of the barricade. The "mopping up" party of seven picked men then moved across the no man's land about the mess hall, nerves taut and trigger fingers curved ready about pistols at full cock. Those waiting breathlessly on the "firing line" heard a shout from within the building, the word flashed out "all dead."

The "siege of Eddyville" was ended.  
Walter's body was found near the northwest wall with a bullet wound through the head and badly burned from a bursting rifle.

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## THE WEATHER

OREGON: Sunday fair west, clearing east portion continuing cool, moderate to fresh westerly winds.  
LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)  
Maximum temperature, 63.  
Minimum temperature, 52.  
River, 1.3; rising.  
Rainfall, .2.  
Atmosphere, partly cloudy.  
Wind, south.

## Former Salem Photographer and Three Sons Hold World Records as Flyers; Father is Oldest Pilot to Sail Alone

### Old at 42 and Young at 80

Is one as old as he feels? It is said that one is just that, and Mrs. J. M. Hawkins, housemother at the Salem YWCA seems to have additional proof of the statement.

One of the services maintained by the association is an employment bureau. One of the applicants for work a few days ago was a woman, past middle age who desired work caring for small children. While chatting with the woman Mrs. Hawkins found out that she was more than 80 years old. Mrs. Hawkins complimented her on her youthful appearance and also on her pep and energy in getting out to work at her age. The applicant replied that she had worked and saved \$1000 during the last few years to keep her in her declining years and now only wanted to make spending money by caring for children.

Mrs. Hawkins chuckled and then went on to tell of another woman who visited the association one evening and incidentally related her woes to the cheerful housemother who tried to cheer her up. The visitor complained that when folks got old "no one wanted them to work for them," and similar statements. Mrs. Hawkins protested that the visitor was not old and inquired her exact age. The woman said she was 42.

The ever cheerful Mrs. Hawkins, not daunted by such direct information, spent considerable time cheering up the guest, who had hired a room at the association for the night. She read her "Sunshine Thoughts," taught her the laughing exercises and finally succeeded in getting the woman to laugh.

"Then she went away and didn't pay her bill," said Mrs. Hawkins, ending the story.

Probably few persons in Salem and vicinity know that a former Salem photographer and his three sons hold two world records in aviation. He is J. W. Montee, 60 years old, and his three sons, Kenneth, 26, Ralph, 24, and Harold, 21, all of whom are pilots of the air. That is one world record, for there is not another family in existence so distinguished. The other record is that the elder Montee is the oldest man in the world to pilot a plane alone through the skies. The son Kenneth is a famous designer and builder of airplanes. The family now lives in Los Angeles. Mr. Montee has sent the Statesman photographs of himself and sons, and the following letter which tells his remarkable story:

"My Dear Editor: I will be highly pleased if you can give me a few lines in your paper. I was a resident of your beautiful city over 30 years ago for three years in the photograph business, but like all heavy bodied birds do, I flew for the south to a warmer climate.

"For over 50 years I have been talking flying machines and boosting for aviation. I will leave it to you to guess what I have been called and how many thousand times. You will please find inclosed photographs of my three sons and myself. While I have been boosting for aviation we show you results. We have two world records in aviation. First, three sons and father all pilots of the air. Second, I am the oldest man in the world to pilot an airplane alone through the skies. I am 60 years old, born in 1863 in Macomb, Ill. We have many relatives in Salem and neighboring towns, also many dear friends there. Mr. Cook Patton and family, old time friends of ours, spent last summer in southern California and were guests of the Montee family. Cook and his daughter had the pleasure of an airplane ride in one of the Montee airplanes, piloted by son Kenneth, the famous pilot, designer and builder of monoplanes. Ask friend Cook, he will tell you. There would be nothing that would please me better than to have you join us in boosting for aviation by giving us a line in your paper and placing the photos in your show window for a few days, then keep them in your collection as you will never receive another one with so many pilots of one family."

## WARDEN SMITH STILL ON JOB

### Predictions That Prison Head Would Be Dismissed Not Yet Fulfilled

Contrary to some predictions that were made early yesterday, Governor Pierce made no change in the wardenship of the state prison, and there is no certainty that he is going to.

After listening to the advice of several persons in the forenoon, the governor left for Dallas in the afternoon to make an address at the Polk county fair. He did not return to Salem last night, but will be here today. It is known that he is seriously considering the situation.

Rumors that Warden Smith was to be dismissed were enhanced when Deputy Warden J. W. Lilly was seen about the executive offices in the forenoon, but it developed that Lilly was there on other business for the prison.

Advice that was given the governor yesterday was said to be of a variant nature, some of his advisors urging that he make a change at the prison and others advising against it and standing up stoutly for Warden Smith. Apparently there is no probability that the warden will hand in his resignation. He continues to defend his method of handling the prisoners.

Friends of the governor who advise the dismissal of Warden Smith express the fear that failure to dismiss him will enhance the recall movement that is now being agitated against the governor.

## MISS FLETCHER PRIZE WINNER

### Salem High School Girl Captures Oregon Council of English Cup

Miss Lorraine Fletcher, representing Salem high school, is author of the prize-winning essay of the state in the Oregon Council of English contest which was put on last school year. The results have just been made known, and were received by Superintendent George Hug yesterday. The contest is conducted by the University of Oregon.

The subject of Miss Fletcher's essay was "A Pioneer Story." The victory brings to Salem high school the silver trophy cup which must be won three times in succession to become the permanent property of the school. Salem high won it the three previous years in succession, all of the essays being written by Miss Marjorie Mellinger, and the cup won by her is now the permanent property of the school. For the reason that Salem won the previous years it said the school would not have accorded first place this year had not Miss Fletcher's essay been very decidedly the best. The judges were Miss Julia Burgess and Prof. H. C. Howe of the University of Oregon, and Miss Edna Mings of Oregon Normal school.

## BUTTE CLERKS REMAIN IDLE MEETING HELD

### Representatives of Employers and Unions Meet for Long Conference

BUTTE, Mont., Oct. 6.—After being in conference practically all day the committees representing the Silver Bow Employers' association and the Clerks' union met in an effort to adjudicate the drug clerks' strike and the subsequent lockout of all union clerks that followed refusal of the union to call off the strike, adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

Neither side would make a statement regarding the situation except to say that any agreement that might be made would be in full force and effect from the day of signing and terminate on May 1, 1925 and provided that if neither party gives notice 30 days prior to May 1, 1925, of a desire to change the provisions of the agreement, it shall automatically remain in effect for one year thereafter and continue indefinitely.

Meantime the stores that closed following their dismissal of their union clerks, remain that way. The motion picture theaters, closed by the wage strike of the musicians, moving picture machine operators and stage employes' unions, remained closed.

## EXCHANGE GETS NEW BUILDING

### Used Car Concern to Occupy Property on Church Near Motor Company

Arrangements have been made for the new certified used car exchange, in which Salem automobile dealers have combined their interests, to occupy a new building that is to be built on Church street adjoining the Valley Motor company on the south. The property was purchased from the Waldo heirs by J. J. Elliott and Carl D. Gabrielson, who will erect the building and lease it to the exchange. The deal was handled by the realty firm of Becke & Hendricks.

The lot on which the building is to go up is 41 by 165 feet in dimensions, and the total investment, including the building, is expected to be around \$15,000. The trend of new building for business purposes is toward that district, and nearby buildings are all modern. The Lafty property near there was recently sold.

Dan Burns is president of the used car exchange, H. F. Bonesteel is secretary and other dealers are interested.

## Army Man Released From Arrest at Post Saturday

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 6.—Major John Beller, ordnance department Camp Lewis, implicated in an alleged assault on John A. Sandahl, Jr., at the University club here late in August, was released from arrest at the army post today. He had been confined to camp by an order issued by Brigadier General Robert Alexander, camp commander, pending investigation of the affair.

## FARM CONDITIONS ON UPWARD TREND

### Time of Greatest Depression Passing Says Realtors Late Report

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Farm conditions have passed the time of deepest depression and are on the upturn, according to a survey just completed, the National Association of Real Estate boards announced today.

A questionnaire sent to 1200 farm land specialists by the association, the statement said, showed "that the economic condition of the farmer in a decidedly predominant proportion of the districts covered in these observations, is better than this time last year. Approximately 76 per cent of the districts so far reporting indicate bettered conditions, not quite 13 per cent report conditions worse and more than 11 per cent represent them about as last year.

## Kels Victim Thought to Have Been Ed Meservey

QUINCY, Cal., Oct. 6.—Ed Meservey, aged laborer whose murder Alex Kels admitted, worked in 1921 and 1922 for the California Fruit Exchange at Graceland, Plumas county, as a road repairman. This year he was employed until August 23 by the Davits-Johnson Lumber company at Calpine, Sierra county.

Meservey, who was about 70, left Calpine August 24, telling no one his destination. It is said he was in the habit of passing the winter months at Truckee. Officials at Graceland and Calpine say so far as they know Meservey had no relatives.

## SOS CALL HEARD

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 6.—Calls for help from a steamship "somewhere on the Pacific ocean" and supposed to be "JXA"—a Japanese warship, were heard by both Wilmington and San Diego at 7:55 o'clock tonight.

## ONCE WEALTHY NOW IN JAIL —PENNILESS

### Former Alaska Cattle Man and Gold Prospector Arrested in California

FRESNO, Cal., Oct. 6.—Twenty-five years ago William G. Cheney drove cattle into the Klondike country. In eight days he made \$3,000. With half of this sum he bought a claim. Gold from it brought him two millions of dollars. He was then 42 years old. Today he is 67, penniless and in jail.

A. A. Hopkins, special agent of the department of justice, arrested Cheney at Big Creek, Southern California Edison camp in the high Sierras. He is wanted at Jounau, Alaska, Hopkins said, on a charge of having obtained money under false pretenses. His arrest on a fugitive warrant landed him in the Fresno county jail. United States Marshal Sid Shannon will take the aged man to Los Angeles where he will sail next week for Alaska.

"Bill Cheney never took a dishonest dime from anyone," the former prospector and millionaire told police officers here today.

## CHILD LABOR LAW FAVORED BY LABOR

### Two Delegates Raise Voice Against Those Who Actively Oppose Radicals

PORTLAND, Oct. 6.—The American Federation of Labor convention today heard a voice raised against "ultra conservatives" and against those who would spread dissension in union ranks by attacks upon radicals.

This address was delivered by Max S. Hayes of Cleveland, a delegate of the International Typographical union, and following him came John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who flayed those elements in union ranks who refuse to abide by established union traditions and rules.

Hayes, in speaking of himself and associates in Cleveland, said: "We do not stigmatize anyone who has the courage to advocate an original thought, as a radical or bolshevist."

Lewis inveighed against those who follow "false philosophies" and "false gods" and told of the fight his union has made against "agents from Moscow," and radical forces.

Meanwhile pressure was being placed on a committee to recommend the unseating of William F. Dunne, delegate from Butte, Mont., labor council on grounds of alleged radicalism, and it became known that the credentials of Alexander Howatt had been revoked as a delegate of the Kansas State Miners' federation because officials of the United Mine Workers of America considered him persona non grata. Howatt is not attending the convention but his credentials had been sent here.

Whatever conflicting forces there may be in the convention are expected to come to a test of strength Monday following the report of the committee on resolutions to which was referred the resolution for amalgamation of unions along industrial, rather than craft lines, and the resolution on the recognition of soviet Russia and others of popular interest. This committee late today was winding up its hearings preparatory to making its report Monday.

Towards the close of today's short sessions the convention adopted a resolution urging congressional action on an anti-child labor amendment to the constitution.

## Delaware Prisoner Gets Benefit of State Law

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 6.—James Dudley Major, alias Earl White, highwayman who escaped from Kansas City, Mo., on the eve of starting a sentence of 21 years there and who was convicted of highway robbery in court here last week, today received the corporal portion of his sentence—forty lashes—at the workhouse.

The whipping was administered by Warden Leach of the workhouse. The whip is a veritable cat-o-nine-tails composed of nine leather thongs fastened to a heavy stock. The warden laid on the blows so lightly that the victim's back was only slightly reddened and he smiled almost contentedly as he walked back to prison.

Major also was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment. His offence was holding up and robbing a man on the street in this city.

## GREAT CROWDS GREET BRITON ON HIS TRIP

### Lloyd George Rides Across Valleys Rich in History of British-America Arms—Speeds Toward Montreal

### WELSHMEN MEET HIM WITH OLD TIME SONG

### Large Numbers at Stations Likened to Election Campaign By Former Premier

ON BOARD LLOYD GEORGE'S SPECIAL TRAIN, BURLINGTON, Vt., Oct. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Swinging through the valleys of the Hudson and the Mohawk and across Vermont, in a country rich in the history of British and American arms, Lloyd George, war-time premier of Great Britain, began today a speaking tour of Canada and the United States under circumstances which bore much of the touch of an American political campaign. Crossing the international border at Rousse's Point, the distinguished visitor was due to reach Montreal this evening for a two-days' program, which will include his first formal address of the tour.

Many At Stations  
Although desirous of avoiding any discussion of current political questions on a trip undertaken primarily to fulfill many promises to visit the American continent, Lloyd George was received everywhere with the interest and enthusiasm usually reserved for active political candidates.

At every stop hundreds and sometimes thousands extended a cordial greeting, until Mr. Lloyd George himself remarked "that this is like an election campaign." Prominent in his audiences were men and women who showed by their accent they were of Irish origin and notably war veterans who grasped the former premier's hand and received a kindly word of greeting.

Organizations of Welshmen, sometimes accompanied by brass bands and by glee clubs, were invariably present, and "men of Harlech" was the old Welsh song with which they invariably greeted him.

Old Song Sung  
"That was written," Lloyd George remarked, "before Christopher Columbus started to sail for America."

Plainly pleased by the evidences of good will, the war-time premier addressed the crowd and leaned over the car platform to grasp the hands upstretched.

He was glad to know, he declared to his American audiences, "something of a part of the people who have established forever the principles of freedom and human liberty."

"Always," he said, "I have received more sympathy and support from America in the struggle I have put up to establish democratic principles than from any other people in the world. It has been like an electric current coming across the Atlantic to give strength to my arm."

Later, in conversation with newspaper correspondents, accompanying him, Mr. Lloyd George said that the welcome of the American people had touched him deeply.

"It has been so warm and kindly a greeting," he said.

## John P. Irish, Well Known California Editor Dead

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 6.—Col. John P. Irish, noted California publicist, attorney and farmer, died shortly after 9:30 o'clock tonight of injuries received when he was struck by a street car at a downtown Oakland corner.

Colonel Irish, editor, attorney and farmer was closely identified with journalism in California for nearly 40 years, and was well known throughout the state for his newspaper, political and farming activities.

Coming to California from Iowa in 1882, he became editor and publisher of the Oakland Times.

## PINCHOT BUSY AS GOVERNOR IS CONTEDED

### Pennsylvania Executive Expresses Appreciation to Montana University

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 6.—Governor Gifford Pinchot is deriving pleasure out of his present job as governor of Pennsylvania and has no ambitions at present to become president of the United States, according to a letter received by Governor Joseph M. Dixon from the chief executive of Pennsylvania.

Writing to Governor Dixon to express his thanks to the University of Montana for its having named a new building after him, Governor Pinchot said he welcomed the change of sentiment which Governor Dixon sees in the United States with respect to progressive policies and he concluded "my feeling about the presidency is simply this—I have no ambition for any other job than the one I am at and am attending strictly to my knitting here." In his letter informing the Pennsylvania governor that Montana University had named a building after him, Governor Dixon had asked if Governor Pinchot would be a candidate for president.

## NAVAL HEARING IS STILL UNFINISHED

### Last Witness Expected to Be Sworn in Tuesday—Findings Complete Soon

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 6.—With three weeks of detailed testimony on the Honda destroyer disaster incorporated in its record, the naval court of inquiry investigating the wreck of seven ships and consequent loss of 23 lives, prepared to bring its sessions to an end early next week with the examination of witnesses from the USS Hancock, one of the wrecked vessels, and from two ships farther afield in the column as the 11th destroyer squadron grounded.

Testimony of two commanding officers of ships well to the rear has brought out the fact that even the last of the 14 destroyers in line were beginning to follow the squadron flagship Delphy in its fatal eastward change of course when warned by radio direction signals and apparent confusion among the ships ahead of them.

The last witness, according to Lieutenant Commander Leslie Bratton, judge advocate of the court of inquiry, probably will be sworn Tuesday afternoon and the findings of the court are expected to be on their way to the secretary of the navy by the end of the week.

## Chinese Masses Claim Election Result of Fraud

SHANGHAI, Oct. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—A mass meeting of 5,000 Chinese today adopted resolutions that the Chinese flag be flown at half-mast on October 10, the anniversary of the republic, as a reminder to the people of the "national disgrace occasioned by the election yesterday of Marshal Tsao Kun as president of China."

The mass meeting also recommended that telegrams be sent to all the independent provinces seeking joint action to prevent the inauguration of President Tsao. In addition the foreign diplomatic representatives are asked to withhold recognition of the new Tsao government.

The local vernacular press unanimously condemn the election as having been accomplished through bribery, some of the newspapers publishing photographic facsimiles of \$5,000 checks alleged to have been given members of parliament for their votes.

## BE CAREFUL TODAY

Twenty-eight persons are killed in the United States by automobile accidents every 24 hours. Reduced to smaller figures this means one death from this cause every 50 minutes of the day and night. Just what is your part in this terrible toll? Do you by your negligence or carelessness in driving, contribute to any of the causes responsible for the death of so many innocent persons? Do you observe the rules of safe and sane driving? Do you approach all intersections carefully? Do you "Stop, Look and Listen" at all railroad crossings? Sunday is Death's big day among motorists. Today will see more persons killed and maimed. Won't you help by being CAREFUL TODAY—and every day!

## GOMPERS SAYS UNION LABOR HELP TO ALL

### President of American Federation of Labor Talks to Oregon Civic League—Organization's Aims Given

### HUMANITY BENEFITED BY WORK OF UNIONS

### Leader Says Strikes Distasteful But Necessary to Accomplish Final Ends

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in an address to the Oregon Civic League that there is not a thing or a demand that organized labor makes upon society but which brings a greater degree of health, strength, virility and safety to all of the people of the country.

"Supposing we ask that eight hours should constitute a day's work," said Mr. Gompers. "No one can imagine for a moment that we can have such a measure interpreted to apply to union workmen only. It applies to all. If we ask that safety devices shall be compulsory upon machines, such a thing couldn't be for union workmen alone—it must be for all alike. If we ask for safety from explosives, so far as they can be humanly safeguarded in the coal mines, we can't ask for such a thing for the union miners alone—it must be for the union miners as well as the non-union miners who are members of the organization. If we ask for old age pensions, it must apply to all. If we work for sanitary conditions, it must apply to all."

"I am no more a lover of strikes than any other one of you, but I won't condemn them. There doesn't seem any good sense in condemning them. As a matter of fact I have found workmen who have assembled together and very seriously denounced strikes and within a week they have gone on strike.

"We want to avoid strikes, but there comes a time in nearly every industry when if workmen refused to strike, they would reduce themselves down for all time as cowards, pitiful and slaves. For instance, you have read and heard about two and a half years ago when suddenly like great holed-out five million of American workers were walking the streets idle, without the ability to earn a livelihood for themselves or their dependents. Then we saw the drives for wage reductions and after that the drives to break the unions. We saw all of that. Now I wonder where the whole thing would have landed if the employers could have continued their drive for wage reductions and the workers would have accepted them without protest.

Fortunate Incident  
"Where would we be drifting? The curtailing of wages, curtailing of purchases, curtailing of the use and consumption of things throwing men out of employment who were formerly employed in the production of these articles. Reductions, reductions and more reductions. I regard it as one of the most fortunate incidents in the history of our country in the past 20 years that the working people of the United States at last made up their minds to resist these wage reductions. That resistance checked the wage reductions."