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One Member of Desperate Gang That Escaped Yesterday Surrenders; Theft of Saw Admitted

MOST SENSATIONAL BREAK SINCE 1902

Fugitives Commandeer Automobile After Leap From Wall at Tower 7

Pursued by guards within a few minutes after they had made a daring daylight escape from the state prison at 8:50 o'clock Friday morning, six convicts eluded capture by posesses who searched the timber and brush about six miles southeast of Salem in the vicinity of Turner and Aumsville during the day.

After forcing a lock on a door leading from the day room on the main floor of the penitentiary into the basement, the men sawed away the bars of a small window at the south end of the main building. Climbing through this and running across the lawn, they climbed the steps leading to No. 7 tower, jumped over the wall, ran behind the guard's quarters and down Mill creek to the Turner road, where they commandeered a passing automobile and then drove south.

All Serious Offenders

Those who made their escape were Elsworth Kelly, Bert (Oregon) Jones, William Johnson, Tom Murray, Joe Jackson and Clive M. Weekly. Johnson gave himself up at a ranch house owned by a man named Smith in the Aumsville district about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He admitted to prison officers that he had stolen the hack saw which was used in sawing the bars and that the escape had been planned about a week ago. He confirmed general belief that the convicts had separated. Johnson was fired upon twice by Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie, one bullet grazing his leg and the other missing his head by inches, he told. This served to influence his action, he admitted.

Familiar with routine, the convicts had cleverly timed their daring escape so that when a Southern Pacific switch engine pushed a couple of box cars into the prison yard, Guard John Durham, on duty at tower No. 7, overlooking the "bull pen," was out of the tower and farther south on top of the west wall. The guard on duty at this tower must leave the tower in order to watch the gates while an engine is passing in or out of the grounds. He failed to see the convicts drop from the wall, however.

Circumstances Aid Convicts

Fortune smiled upon the convicts, for as they reached the paved highway, a Dodge automobile, driven by Charles Spurlin, salesman for the Gideon Stolz jewelry works, was driving by. He was dashed by a blow and the men, with Oregon Jones at the wheel, drove east of the prison, turning to the south at the intersection about a mile away. Whether or not the convicts were armed was not known by Spurlin, who said one of them kept something that felt like a gun pressed against his ribs.

When the escape became known, Deputy Warden Lillie, without stopping to get any of the guards on duty at night who were asleep in their quarters, or to arm himself with a rifle, ran to the prison garage, obtained the fast prison automobile and gave pursuit. He was able to overtake the fleeing men, and when they saw he was gaining upon them, they turned east on a dirt road, where they abandoned the machine. Spurlin was taken into the brush with the men but released after his cigarettes had been appropriated. Deputy Warden Lillie was close

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ADVISES FOLK TO FORGET LIES TOLD ABOUT HIM

Daugherty Expresses Hope That "Now I'll Be Let Alone for a While"

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 28.—Besieged by newspapermen ever since his arrival here at 5:40 o'clock this evening, former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty decided to issue a formal statement in connection with his resignation. As he handed a sheet of hotel stationery upon which he had scrawled a few lines to a group of insistent reporters he said: "Well, boys, I hope I'll be let alone now."

The statement follows:

"I know nothing further to say at this time or while here, as far as I know, except to take advantage of this, my first opportunity to advise the country that I hope the lies told by irresponsible so-called witnesses as to immoral conduct, disgraceful doing and improper association on my part will not be believed.

"They are just plain lies procured to be told to create perjury. Considering that the committee is without legal authority to make inquiry into any such subjects, prosecution for perjury would fail. My friends know full well the kind of life I have always lived."

POINCARÉ SELECTS MEN FOR CABINET

Ten New Members With Two From Former Group Form Premier's Advisers

PARIS, March 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French ministerial crisis came to an end this evening with the formation of a new cabinet to take the place of that which resigned last Wednesday after a vote of lack of confidence in the chamber of deputies. Raymond Poincaré, who headed the old cabinet and who accepted the task of forming a new one, called on President Millerand tonight and submitted to him the names of the men who will take charge of the ship of state.

FATHER ACQUITTED OF KILLING CHILD

Grandfather of Girl Chief Witness Against His Son During Murder Trial

BRIDGETON, N. J., March 28.—Thompson Dickson, 53, tonight was acquitted on a charge of murdering his 15-year-old daughter, Emma, last September in the year of their Brickboro home. The jury brought in the verdict for acquittal after a two hour session. Only one ballot was necessary.

GIRL IDENTIFIED

DICKINSON, N. D., March 29.—The girl who leaped through a Pullman car window of Northern Pacific train No. 2 bound for Seattle to Minneapolis two days ago east of Gladstone, was identified today as Hattie Merritt, daughter of Lonnie Merritt of Falmouth, Ky.

TEACHERS RE-CHOSEN FOR SALEM SCHOOLS

Teachers for the Salem city school system for the year 1924-25 were chosen last night by the school board at the adjourned meeting. The resignations of 13 teachers were accepted and upon the recommendation of Superintendent Hug more than 140 teachers were reelected for the coming year.

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BIG MEETING FOR BOYS IS IN PROGRESS

Inspiring Address Given By Frank Moran on European Youth — Tolerance Plea Heard

VOCATIONAL EXPERT WILL ADVISE LADS

Convention Will Continue Today and Sunday—Riechel Is President

Exactly 100 boys registered for the Salem-Marion County Older Boys' conference, which opened here yesterday afternoon, and 125 were present at the banquet last night at the First Presbyterian church. The biggest delegation outside of Salem is from Woodburn.

The following officers were elected: President, Darell Riechel, Woodburn; vice president, Alson Bristol, Silverton; secretary, Earl Pemberton, Salem; sergeant-at-arms, Ben Moisan, Gervais.

Purpose of Conference Told Benoit McCrsky of the Salem high school presided as toastmaster at the banquet. The address of welcome was given by Mark Waldespiel and the response by Darrell Riechel of Woodburn. The latter began his address by thanking the Salem Hi-Y and the city for the cordial reception given the visitors. He outlined three main purposes of the conference. The first, he said, was that the boys of each community might meet and become acquainted with the boys of other communities.

The second was to discuss common problems of the boys of high school age, so the delegates may be able to go back to their own schools and communities and help those who are not attending the conference. The third purpose mentioned was to promote the programs of the Hi-Y and the Pioneer clubs, which is designed to develop the highest type of Christian character, clean speech, clean thought, clean athletics, clean scholarship and clean living. He said no more appropriate theme for the conference could have been selected than "His New Day." He spoke of the opportunities and possibilities every boy has and averred that one purpose of the conference was to prepare the boys to meet them.

Another speaker was John L. Brady, who gave one of his characteristic addresses.

Moran Tells of Europe

Frank G. Moran, headmaster of the Moran Boys' school, of Rolling Bay, Wash., spoke on "My Visit to the Boys of Europe's War-Stricken Areas."

Mr. Moran was in Europe after the war studying boy life in those countries. Last May he and Tracy Strong of Seattle were the Pacific coast representatives in a world conference of boys' workers at Portlatch, Australia.

Mr. Moran described his trip through the various countries. First he and his companions went to Italy. Before he went to Italy, he said, he had thought of the Italians as something of a decadent race and the inferiors of Americans, but he declared that his eyes were opened when he saw the contribution that Italy has made to the world and to civilization. The next move was into France, and Mr. Moran described

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MASKED ROBBERS ENTER WATERLOO GENERAL STORE

Proprietor's Wife Struck on Head When Outcry Made — \$35 Cash Taken

LEBANON, Ore., March 28.—Three masked robbers entered the general store of L. W. Holfgate at Waterloo, Ore., last night, tied Holfgate and his wife and took \$35 cash from the safe, according to word brought here today.

Mrs. Holfgate was struck on the head by one of the robbers when she made an outcry and seriously hurt. Holfgate released himself and then his wife after the robbers had gone.

Telephone wires leading to the town were found cut after the robbery.

MANY TOPICS UP AT FEDERATION

Speakers on Various Subjects are Heard at Session Last Night

With an attendance of 75, representing 33 of the leading clubs of the city, the Salem Federation of clubs, in session last night at the Chamber of Commerce, discussed a wide range of subjects, all tending towards the betterment of conditions in Salem.

Regarding the replacing of the Breyman statue at Wilson park, facing on Cottage street, Dr. William B. Mott reported that both the Boise and Breyman families expressed a willingness to cooperate with others in raising a fund to replace the statue.

C. E. Albin, who was instructed to look under the rubbish pile on North Capitol, sent in a report to the effect that as soon as the owner of the lot where the junk pile reposes sells a little more hay the junk will be removed.

Mrs. John A. Carson reported that the War Mothers had secured the cooperation of various civic bodies for securing a fund to be used in the erection of a suitable soldiers' monument. It will be placed in the courthouse square, facing west towards High street.

Dr. E. E. Fisher, reporting for the Cherrians, said his organization was active in organizing into one federation all the boosting clubs of the state. This is to include the Gobblers, the baby organization from Oakland, Dr. Fisher also said the Cherrians would attend the Rose festival in Portland and that during the summer the Cherrians, all dolled up in their best, would visit surrounding communities.

Winnie Pettijohn reported that the "Better Homes" week, to be observed in Salem, was meeting with unanimous approval. Better Homes week will begin May 11.

Mrs. Lydia King, Marion county health nurse, said that the work of a county health nurse was mainly in preventing diseases among children. She said a child is often regarded as dull, when really it was just suffering from some curable defect. She asked the cooperation of all mothers in this work of such benefit to the children.

Fred A. Erickson suggested that during "Better Homes" week it would help wonderfully if carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers and painters were given an opportunity to demonstrate different kinds of work and the best methods of building.

A. C. Bohrnstedt of the Marion-Polk Realtors' association, presented resolutions, recommending that no general advertising be permitted in the auto park. Also that the Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies cooperate with the realtors in the building of a community house at the park. Mr. Bohrnstedt's resolutions were adopted unanimously.

U. S. Crowder told how he had looked all over the United States for a good place to live, and while he had found lots of them, Salem was the best of all, and that he had invested all his savings in Salem. He commended the city for its progressive spirit.

In a discussion of the needs of a public auditorium, the unanimous expression was that Salem needs such an auditorium, but that under present conditions it was advisable to postpone the matter until early next year.

Before closing last evening Dr. H. E. Morris, president, called attention to the fact that in the attendance of 75, representatives were present from the 33 leading clubs of the city. He compared the growth of the federation with the attendance of scarcely a dozen or more at meetings held a year ago.

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STORM SWEEPS THREE STATES MANY KILLED

Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma in Path of Middle West Tornado

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Loss of life and heavy property damage were caused by tornadoes that struck points in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas late today. Heavy rainfalls were general.

At Shawnee, Okla., eight persons are known to have been killed and scores injured. Relief measures there are well under way.

Five persons were reported injured in the vicinity of Noble, Okla.

At Goffs, Kansas, a boy was killed by lightning.

Property damages estimated at thousands of dollars was done at Crisfield, Kansas, where nearly every house in the town was reported destroyed by the wind. The Santa Fe station was wrecked and about 30 box cars lifted from the tracks.

Several farm homes and barns were destroyed near Crisfield. At Vernon, Texas, four persons were injured and considerable property damage done by the wind storm.

A sand storm swept the Panhandle section of Texas with heavy rain from Amarillo to Childress. Wire communication was disrupted tonight in many sections of the southwest.

PIERCE SUMMONS BIG CONGRESS

Law Enforcement Exponents of Three States Will Meet in Portland

Governors Hart of Washington and Moore of Idaho have been invited by Governor Pierce to have representative citizens of their states meet with Oregon citizens who are interested in law enforcement at a northwest citizens' law enforcement congress in Portland June 3, 4, and 5.

"Believing that the states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon should lead in a great crusade against law violation and dishonesty in every form," says the letter, "I have decided to ask you to join me as governor of Oregon in a call for a northwest citizens' law enforcement congress to be held in the city of Portland June 3, 4 and 5. I have assurance from many churches and anti-saloon leagues of these three northwest states that these organizations will do every thing in their power to make such a congress a success so that the citizenship of the northwest may be quickened and the conscience of the people aroused for the enforcement of every law, including the prohibition statutes. Dishonest officials and lax law enforcement today threatens the life of our civilization, the most perfect man has ever developed. The people are demanding action and the time is now ripe for a mighty movement for vigorous and effective enforcement of all laws.

"I suggest you issue a call to all organizations in your state that are especially interested in law enforcement to send delegations to the proposed congress. Your attendance in person would add materially to the strength of the movement. It is possible for us to create such a sentiment in this great northwest that it will sweep the nation and drive from office every official who is not today doing his full duty."

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Mellon Attacked Before

An attack on Secretary Mellon somewhat similar to that by Senator McKellar was launched in the senate two years ago by the late Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, who called attention to the provisions of law applying to treasury secretaries and demanded that Mr. Mellon retire. The demand received little support from any quarter, but it was apparent tonight that Senator McKellar's proposal, coming at a time when the senate is deeply immersed in the whirlpool of investigation, probably would lead to a bitter fight.

The resolution introduced today which recapitulates the evidence laid before the revenue bureau committee was brought to the senate floor in the midst of another debate over the retirement of Attorney General Daugherty, one of the bitterest of Mr. Ery. In this discussion Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, one of the bitterest of Mr. Daugherty's senate foes in the past, assumed the role of the "defender" against what he declared was summary and unbecoming treatment at the hands of President Coolidge.

The only extended reply to the Arkansas senator was delivered by Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, who said the president had acted "none too soon" in removing Mr. Daugherty from an office which should be filled by a man capable in every way of commanding public confidence.

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3 CABINET MEMBERS FACE SENATE FIRE

Resolution Introduced to Investigate Mellon's Qualifications—Hoover and Wallace Next

CLOAKROOM CONFIDENCE TO BE AIRED ON FLOOR

Sen. Reed, Traditional Enemy, to Lead Fight on Commerce Secretary

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Having disposed of Attorney General Daugherty as well as Secretary Denby, the coalition senate attack on the administration today turned on Secretary Mellon with indications that more cabinet officers might come under the bombardment.

No sooner had the attorney general's resignation been submitted than Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, today introduced a resolution directing the judiciary committee to investigate whether Secretary Mellon is holding office in violation of the law which forbids the treasury head to be engaged in trade or commerce.

Although Senator McKellar had asked immediate consideration for his resolution it was objected to by Senator Wadsworth, republican, New York, and under the rule went over until Monday when it will be called up for debate and action.

Plan Made in Cloakroom

Republicans who have been predicting that President Coolidge "would soon have no cabinet at all if he yielded to the pressure for the attorney general's resignation," immediately characterized the McKellar resolution as another of the concrete developments in a plan which has been discussed in the cloakrooms for weeks and which, the regular republicans say, contemplates going down the line in the cabinet in an attempt to pick off the secretaries one by one.

The confidences exchanged in the sanctity of the cloakrooms, which often are more indicative of the real trend of things than the spoken word on the senate floor itself, picture Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture and Secretary Hoover of the department of commerce as the next points of attack.

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FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

Attorney General Daugherty Resigned by Request of the President.

Harry F. Sinclair contempt case was presented to a federal grand jury.

John Walsh, brother of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, was questioned by the oil committee and denied interests in oil in Wyoming or any other northwestern states.

The senate debated the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty, and Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, introduced a resolution to investigate Secretary Mellon's business connections.

Representative Langley, republican, Kentucky, indicted by a grand jury in connection with liquor cases, made a bond and appeared before the house investigating committee at an executive session.

The railroad labor board was defended before the senate interstate commerce commission by Hale Holden, chairman of the executive committee of the Association of Railway Executives, and Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio.

The Daugherty investigating committee delved into life in the Daugherty-Jess Smith apartments, questioning the former attorney general's former negro valet. A subpoena was issued for W. J. Burns to testify about files relating to Mexican revolutionary enterprises.

WILLAMETTE TEAM TO MEET MICHIGAN

Debate Team From Lansing Will Be in Salem for Contest Next Thursday

Anticipating stiff competition when they meet Michigan Agricultural college on the local platform here next Thursday, the Willamette university varsity debaters are spending their week of spring vacation in careful preparation. Three men will represent the local institution and will uphold the affirmative of the question, "Resolved: That the United States should enter the World Court."

Willamette will have one of the strongest teams in its history in the contest with the Michigan Aggies. Robert Notson, leader of the very successful team of last year, will again be leading the trio. Ward Southworth, his colleague of last year, will give the first speech for the locals, and Ralph Emmons, will be the third speaker.

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DAUGHERTY'S RESIGNATION REQUESTED

Coolidge Demands Retirement Expressing Doubt That Disinterested Advice Could Be Given

LETTER TO PRESIDENT SAYS DOCTRINE UNSAFE

Attacks on Cabinet Members Should Not Disqualify Them for Service

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Harry M. Daugherty passed out of public life today in a tempest that terminated befittingly his three stormy years as attorney general.

His appointment to the cabinet by President Harding was the subject of criticism and his resignation came at the virtual demand of President Coolidge and in the midst of a sensation producing senate investigation of his official acts.

President Coolidge asked for the resignation because he felt he could not depend on Mr. Daugherty for disinterested advice and because he believed the attorney general could not perform satisfactorily the duties of his office under the conditions resulting from the senate inquiry.

Attack Denounced

Mr. Daugherty tendered his resignation solely out of deference to the president's request and asked that it be effective at once. Then as a private citizen he addressed an open letter to the president, scathingly denouncing those who had advocated his retirement and declaring Mr. Coolidge's stated reasons for asking his resignation were "hardly warranted by the facts."

The letter bristled with declarations that the president's suggestion that an attack upon a cabinet officer disqualifies him for further service is a dangerous doctrine, and that "cowardice and surrender of principle are never expedient."

Before this letter was received at the White House, Mr. Daugherty cleared his desk, left the department of justice and soon was aboard a train en route to Atlantic City. He plans to return to Washington next week for the purpose only of closing up his private affairs.

By reason of Mr. Daugherty's retirement President Coolidge, for the second time within six weeks, is faced with selection of a new cabinet officer.

Successor in Doubt

Immediately Mr. Daugherty's resignation became known there arose a discussion of many items. Some were eliminated as mentioned for reason and others were dropped during the day with the result that the list of those being mentioned tonight included Chief Justice Arthur E. Rugg of the Massachusetts supreme judicial court; Harlan F. Stone, dean of the Columbia university school of law; Governor Alexander J. Groesbeck of Michigan; William S. Kenyon, former senator from Iowa and now judge of the federal circuit court of appeals, eighth district, and Secretary of State Hughes.

The president has given no consideration as yet to any particular person, but has decided that the man he selects as attorney general must have a knowledge of law and must possess administrative capacity.

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