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PRISONERS RIOT; 3 DEAD

SECRETARY WEEKS MAY RETIRE FROM POSITION

HEAD OF WAR DEPARTMENT CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Resignation Depends on Complete Recovery of Health, Secretary Says

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—An intimation was given here today by Secretary Weeks after a conference with President Coolidge that he might not return to his post in the fall.

Leaving his residence alone for the first time since early in the spring, the war secretary conferred for a half hour with the president. He described the visit as social.

Mr. Weeks said his return to Washington depended considerably upon his complete recovery of health. Although looking well, he still is under physician's care.

As a result of the serious illness of the secretary and the probability of his retirement, several names have been mentioned as a possible successor, including Charles D. Hillis, republican national committeeman from New York, and Dwight Davis of Missouri, now acting secretary.

Mr. Coolidge delved into the far eastern situation at a luncheon conference with Charles R. Crane, former minister to China. He considers affairs in China a real problem and the necessity of naming an ambassador to Japan also is giving him considerable study.

Mr. Crane said this government is in a position for leadership in solving the far eastern difficulties.

The name of William C. Boyden of Chicago and William Bullitt of Louisville, both lawyers, are understood to be under consideration for appointment to Tokyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge will leave White Court Thursday or Friday to spend the week end with Col. John Coolidge, father of the president, at Plymouth, Vermont. They will return here early next week.

The president will hold himself in readiness thereafter to depart for Washington at any time, although he has not made any definite plans so far for returning to the capitol.

CO-EDS MEET RESTRAINT

LIST OF "DONT'S" PUBLISHED ON BERKELEY CAMPUS

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—The 1000 or more women freshmen expected to enroll in the University of California this week, besides returning co-eds, will soon learn that the women's executive committee has been active during the summer vacation.

In outlining a campaign to promote intellectual pursuits rather than frivolities, the committee let it be known today that it will not tolerate:

Coming home from dances after 1 o'clock.

Entertaining masculine friends after 10:30 p. m.

Hose rolled below the knee.

Too generous use of rouge and lipstick.

All extremes in dress and conduct.

Indulgence in cigarettes.

Potting parties.

Drinking intoxicants.

Notice will be served on all women students that violations of the code will mean trial before the women's committee.

WOULD INCREASE TAX

WASHINGTON IS ASKED TO RAISE STATE TAX ON GAS

SEATTLE, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Speakers at a meeting here today of the King County legislative delegation discussing plans for annexing of Stevens Pass in the Cascade mountains to the state roads program urged an increase tax from 2 to 3 cents a gallon on gasoline in Washington.

Stewart Johnson, chairman of the Chelan county commissioners said "the state is big enough now to support to or even the highways across the highlands. It should adopt not only the Stevens Pass but also the Naches Pass highway to the south. An increase of the tax on gasoline to 3 cents would raise the money for this purpose.

Edgar Weight of Thurston county, organized a state road between Harper and Grays Harbor.

BERRY VENDOR IN COURT

BOXES ALLEGED NOT TO CONFORM WITH RULING

There is a law in Oregon that provides that strawberries be sold to the public in standard size boxes. But that law does not state that the boxes must be full when sold. This was the grounds on which a demurrer was issued in the complaint against H. T. Terrill, and was sustained by Brasler C. Small, justice of the peace. Terrill was charged with "unlawfully selling produce (strawberries) in less than the quantity represented." A demurrer was filed, declaring that the fruit had been sold in standard size boxes and that was all that was required by the law.

Under the statute, it was mandatory on Justice Small to sustain the demurrer. The case came up in the justice court yesterday afternoon.

RUNAWAY BOY RETURNS

IN FAMISHED CONDITION

BERRIES AND FRUIT ARE DIET OF HOWARD OHMAN

Bored, barefooted and nearly exhausted from lack of food, Howard Ohman, inmate of the state training school for boys, gave up his fight for freedom Monday night and voluntarily returned to the state school shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

He had obtained no food except berries and a little fruit taken from orchards since his escape Friday night.

Ohman disappeared Friday evening from a group of 22 boys who were swimming in the creek below the school. His clothing was found on the bank and led officials to believe that he had been drowned. Late into the night of Friday, aided by some 20 boys from the school, dragged the creek for his body and it was not until Saturday night when part of his belongings were found in the brush some distance from the school did officials finally determine that he had run away.

His first request upon reaching the school yesterday was for pencil and paper with which he wrote a letter to his mother, narrating with pathetic boyish earnestness how loneliness had compelled him, against his will, to "break rules," but promising his mother that he would never again attempt to escape.

The period of his freedom was spent chiefly in the brush south of the city. The tattered shirt and pair of old trousers which he wore tied on to his body with rope when he returned were found on the early part of his trip, he recounted yesterday. He had gone as far as Jefferson when weariness and calmer deliberation influenced his return to the school. He had not broken into any homes and had not stolen anything on his trip, he told officials. His destination had been his home in Bandon.

The loss of his honor credits for this month will be his only punishment, Superintendent Gilbert declared yesterday. Ohman was sent to the school from Bandon.

POTATOES UNDER BAN

CROP WILL BE PROTECTED FROM COLORADO BUG

A protective quarantine against potatoes shipped into this state from Washington, Idaho and several counties in Oregon will be levied within the next two weeks as a protection against importation into the Willamette valley of the Colorado potato bug, it was announced yesterday by C. A. Parks, quarantine officer of the state board of horticulture. What Oregon counties will be included in the restricted district was not announced.

The quarantine will require that all shipments of potatoes from the restricted areas be certified by a state inspector indicating that they have been run over a sifting screen, are free from the beetles, and have been packed in new sacks.

It is understood here that the state board has been requested to levy the quarantine against the counties of Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa and Morrow. Announcement of the quarantine awaits the approval of Governor Pierce, who has been absent from the city on a trip to eastern Oregon. The governor will return today.

FARMERS DECREASING ACREAGE, REPORT SAYS

REDUCTION OF OVER A MILLION ACRES IS NOTED

Over 25 Million Acres of Land Now in Illness in South and West

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(By Associated Press.)—Survey by the department of agriculture showed that the number of farms in the United States decreased 1,200,000 acres, or one-third of one per cent.

The 1916 acreage exclusive of summer fallow was estimated at 25,000,000 acres. Enormous areas of idle land were reported in the southern states, Michigan, Wisconsin, Montana, Washington and Oregon, reports from 14 states, each averaging a million acres.

The largest acreage of new land brought into cultivation was in the dry farming areas of the great plains and was estimated at 1,000,000 acres.

A large part of the area abandoned for cultivation was turned into pasture, indicating increased livestock raising. Pastureage increased in eastern Washington and California. The decrease in the number of farms is believed by the department to be due partly to consolidations. It was general in southeastern Idaho and eastern Washington.

The decrease in crop acreage was reported greatest in western Georgia, southeastern Alabama, southern Mississippi, western Maryland, Pennsylvania, southern New York, Michigan, southern Illinois, western Kentucky, Missouri, eastern Oregon and Washington.

Increases in crop acreage were reported through the great plains region from Montana to eastern New Mexico and in Texas, Utah, and California.

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LIBERALS DEFEATED

ST. JOHN, B. C., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The liberal government of New Brunswick, headed by P. J. Veniot went down to defeat in the provincial elections today at the hands of the conservatives, led by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter in a repetition of the landslide of June 25, when the Nova Scotia liberal government was swept out of power.

SMOKE HINDERS SHIPPING

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Smoke from hundreds of forest and brush fires near here today made navigation difficult, the maximum visibility on lakes and Puget Sound being 200 yards. No blazes of major importance were reported in King county.

PLANE DIVES IN RIVER

PILOT ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN 100 FOOT FALL

WALLACE, Idaho, Aug. 11.—Captain D. A. Diori, Spokane aviator narrowly escaped death late Monday when the plane he was piloting crashed into the Mission river near Rivulet, Mont. Diori extricated himself from the wreckage a damaged his way safely to the shore. His injuries are slight. Engine trouble caused the plane to nose dive 100 feet to earth. He was hauling water pipe to the Independence Placer company in the Clearwater district, Idaho.

BRAMWELL FILES RETURN

PAPERS ATTACK POSITION OF LOCAL PUBLISHER

Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, has filed returns and a demurrer to the alternative writ of mandamus in the circuit court in the case of the State of Oregon in the relation of George Putnam, demanding the return of state banking headquarters to Salem. The papers were filed yesterday.

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YEOMEN STATE FIELD WORKERS MEET HERE

FORTY REPRESENTATIVES TO GATHER THIS WEEK

Four Large Joint Meetings Are Being Planned; Session to End Saturday

More than 40 representatives of the field department of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen of the state of Oregon will gather in Salem next Friday and Saturday, including the state officers and other active members of the order throughout the state. Friday afternoon and evening will be devoted to registering and making preparations for the main meeting of the convention that convenes Saturday morning at 8 o'clock in the fraternal hall, State Manager J. H. Ewell of Portland will preside at the meeting.

One of the special features at the meeting will be to unite the entire field force of the state and state officers of the society in a state-wide membership campaign, the outcome of which will be a visit to the entire Oregon force to the homecoming convalescent camp at Elgin, Ill., where the Yeomen's \$5,000,000 children's school home has recently been established. Plans are already being worked out for the Oregon delegation to make the trip in an auto caravan. In addition to this trip, plans will be perfected for four large joint meetings in the state this fall, where large class adoptions of new members will be admitted into the order, and also the conferring of the Rhodanthe degree of the society on more than 150 candidates now waiting for this supreme degree.

Saturday night the state officers, field workers and many other members from all parts of the state will meet with Salem lodge in a class meeting, the degree state of Silverton exemplifying the degree work, assisted by the Salem guard team.

Officials representatives from Salem will be C. E. Albin, state master of accounts for the society, and A. L. Bones, district manager.

SAAR TO HAVE NEW STAMP

BERLIN—A new postal stamp with the picture of the Virgin Mary will be issued in the Saar district, the Catholic Germania reports. The engraving will be a reproduction of the famous painting in the chapel of Billescastel on the Saar.

Similar stamps previously have been issued on different occasions by Bavaria, Hungary and the Duchy of Lichtenstein.

Holman and Sweeney, Guards, and Oregon Jones Are Killed When Prisoners Make Break

Lute Savage, Guard, Seriously Wounded; Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and A. S. Willos Force Auto Driver to Take Them to Polk County; Posse of Several Hundred Men Are on Trail

LABOR COUNCIL MEETS

DELEGATES TO STATE FEDERATION AUTHORIZED

The Salem Trades and Labor council is sending James Turner, president, and S. B. Davidson, business agent, as delegates to the State Federation of Labor in Marshfield August 24. The matter of financing the delegates occupied much time at the labor meeting last night. C. W. Brist was elected trustee to succeed Roy Blodgett, who recently moved to Bend. Several of the local unions reported that they were sending one or two delegates to the Marshfield meeting.

Dr. John E. Long, chiropractor, appeared before the council to obtain support of organized labor looking toward a change in the law that will permit men coming under the workmen's compensation act to go to a chiropractor if they desire and not be compelled to seek the services of a member of the medical fraternity. Dr. Long stated that bills sent to the state industrial accident commission for services rendered by a member of the drugless healing fraternity were not being recognized and the workmen were forced to pay for treatment whereas bills rendered by the medical men were allowed.

CHERRY ASSOCIATION POOL RETURNS MADE

GROWERS RECEIVE 11 CENTS POUND FOR FRUIT

Marion Brand Products Company Higher Prices Than Others Through East

Market returns received by the Salem Black Cherry Growers' association indicate that the growers will this year receive slightly more than 11 cents per pound for the fruit packed by the association. It was announced yesterday by O. E. Brooks, manager. The association price is from 10 1/2 cents more than was paid by fruit brokers during the season.

Marion brand cherries packed by the association brought from 30 cents to a dollar more on the eastern markets than any other cars in competition with the local cars from any district. The only exception to the consistently higher prices received by the association was a car shipped from Hood River with the cherries faced in the boxes while none of the association cherries were so faced.

In one combination car carrying partly Marion brand cherries of the association and other cars of a competitor, the Marion brand brought 79 cents higher than the others. In one of the cars shipped 74 boxes were stolen en route and in another shipment a few boxes were missing when the fruit arrived at its destination. These constitute outstanding claims in favor of the association and when these are collected there will be more money for distribution to the growers above the 11 cents.

Of the seven cars shipped by the association two were sent to New York; one went to Boston; two to Pittsburgh, and two to Chicago. Six cars of Lambert's were sent out and one of Bling's. About 160 tons were packed in all.

In addition to the yield of the association members the pool also packed several lots for outside growers, charging them a 7 1/2 per cent commission.

SHIPPING BOARD WANTED

SEATTLE, Aug. 11.—A meeting in Portland Friday to organize a Pacific northwest shippers' advisory board for the American Railway association was announced here today.

In a concentrated riot at the Oregon state prison this evening, James M. Holman and J. Sweeney, two guards, were shot to death and (Oregon) Bert Jones, notorious prison-breaker and highwayman was killed. Lute Savage, another guard was shot and seriously wounded. Three other men are known to have gained liberty in a dash over the walls in a hail of bullets from the rifles of guards. The three men who have escaped are Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos. They commandeered an automobile and at the point of revolvers forced the driver to take them across the bridge and into Polk county. A posse of several hundred guards and citizens are on their trail.

Prearranged plans were carried into effect at 5:55 o'clock when a break was made for the prison arsenal and guns were secured. Oregon Jones led the attack and was shot after he had killed the two guards.

The quartette worked in the yard as usual in the afternoon, going to their cell at the supper hour but remaining when the other convicts went to the dining room. Crowded in one cell, none of them being locked during the dinner hour, they cut a hole through the roof and using spliced ropes lowered themselves over the front of the main building.

Warden Dalrymple, who had gone to his dinner, came back to the office for some letters, and just as he picked them up, saw Murray in the yard. He dashed for the turnkey's office, but was cut off by two of the escaping convicts who entered from the south side. The convicts were armed with knives fashioned from files.

No guns are kept in the office, and Warden Dalrymple dashed for his home, obtaining a double-barreled shotgun, opening fire as the men came over the wall. One is believed to have been shot with buckshot.

Entering the turnkey's office, the convicts overpowered James Nesmith, turnkey, battering him severely. Here they obtained four rifles and several revolvers.

Going into the yard the convicts opened fire upon the north tower, killing Holman and Sweeney.

Jones was killed while coming off the wall on the outside, believed to have been shot off the wall by John Davidson, another guard.

After Jones dropped, one of the escaping men was seen to hang back, reluctant to follow the others. It is thought he was the one shot by the warden as he was seen to waver.

Proceeding to the state hospital the convicts commandeered a yellow taxi belonging to Wiley Zinn and kidnapped an attendant from the hospital armed party. They proceeded across the Willamette over the Marion-Polk county bridge.

Shortly after 7 o'clock while the bodies of the two guards were being removed from Post No. 1, the tower just north of the main entrance, the convicts in the north wing staged a demonstration by whistling, shouting and shaking the bars of the cells.

Crowds gathered at the end of State street but were kept at a distance. Word of the riot spread rapidly and within a short time hundreds of persons had gathered in the vicinity of the prison.

All three men at liberty are dangerous, heavily armed and are dangerous upon the railroads if they are caught. It is believed they will not be taken alive. Armed poses were sent into Polk county

immediately and marshals in the various towns notified. Word of the escape was broadcasted from the Oregonian tower, with descriptions of the men.

Jones, Murray and Kelly were members of the group of five convicts who went over the wall in a daring daylight escape March 29, 1924.

Jones, the dead convict, was received from Josephine county Jan. 20, 1922, to serve 20 years for assault and robbery following a series of highway robberies in southern Oregon.

James Willos, alias Burns, was received from Umatilla county April 12, 1924, to serve seven years for burglary. He has prior records in San Quentin and the Oklahoma reformatory.

Tom Murray was received from Lane county Dec. 21, 1923, to serve 20 years for assault with a dangerous weapon and larceny. He has prior records in San Quentin, Nevada, Sacramento and Portland.

Ellsworth Kelly was received from Josephine county under 20-year sentence for aiding a prisoner to escape. He was received Jan. 20, 1923. Murray and Kelly were implicated in the Florence bank robbery in 1923.

Tracey and Merrill Break Recalled

On Monday, June 9, 1902, at 4 a. m. occurred the famous Merrill-Tracey break at the Oregon State Prison. In that break, three guards, Frank H. Fulton, S. B. T. Jones and H. T. Thron, were slain and Harry Tracy, a former prisoner at Utah State Reformatory, and David Merrill, one prisoner from Montana and Oregon the same former, made their escape.

