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PRICE FIVE CENTS

3 KILLED IN PRISON BREAK

ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE NEAR PRATUM

Driver of Commandeered Automobile Released; Post-Scouring District

ATTENDANT IS ROBBED

Convicts Take \$410 From C. V. Ivitts; Taxi Driver Disrobed and Tied; Escape From Bonds Made

Poses scouring Polk county for Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos were recalled about 10 o'clock last night as fast as they could be reached and dispatched for the Pratum district, eight miles east of Salem, when after Z. J. Zinn, taxi driver whose automobile had been commandeered by the escaped convicts, notified the prison that he and C. V. Ivitts, former attendant at the state hospital, had been robbed and tied up about two miles from the school house at Pratum. Neither had been harmed. Until this time the convicts were believed to have fled across the Willamette over the Marion-Polk county bridge, all reports being to this effect.

Ivitts had been discharged from the hospital staff yesterday and had packed up his belongings and called the taxi. When it arrived he placed his luggage in the machine and was entering when the three convicts came up. Menacing the driver and the passenger with their guns, the trio piled in and ordered Zinn to "step on it." The order was obeyed.

How the reports came in that the taxi headed across the bridge is not known, but several people stated that they had seen the taxi going west on the Salem-Dallas highway and that it was one of the Yellow cab vehicles. The Zinn

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DOPE RAID CUTS SUPPLY

DRUGS NOW SCARCE SINCE LID IS CLAMPED DOWN

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Half a hundred narcotic addicts whose supply of narcotics has been cut off as the result of raids last Monday night in the Chinese quarter, today applied at the federal building for relief asking to be sent to state or federal institutions for cure.

The raids, conducted by federal officials and the police, preceded the arrest of Colonel Gray Beach, narcotic chief here, and three of his agents who were charged with exchanging narcotics for stolen merchandise.

The narcotic addicts declared that conditions were "terrible" since the raids, telling federal officials that some narcotics had jumped from \$25 to \$200 an ounce and stating that they must have relief.

Many of the addicts will be sent to county jails throughout the state.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB

PRISONER SAID GUILTY OF ATTACK, SHOT TO DEATH

SCOBEE, Miss., Aug. 12.—Sidney Townes, negro, who was being held in connection with the deaths of Jacob McMullen, 65, farmer, and Mrs. Mary Long, 70, was taken from Sheriff Will Frost here late today by a mob of approximately 75, and shot to death. The negro was suffering from serious wounds inflicted with a shotgun by I. M. McMullen, 72, brother of the man killed, when he was taken from the sheriff by the mob whose members shot him many times.

The mob is reported to have formed shortly after the death of Mrs. Long, which occurred this afternoon during the funeral of Jacob McMullen.

Townes, a giant in stature, quarreled with his wife and pursued her into the McMullen farm house yesterday. During the melee he is alleged to have attacked McMullen and Mrs. Long, instantly killing the aged man who was a brother of Mrs. Long.

A. W. SEFTON IS DEAD; END COMES SUDDENLY

PRINTER AND NEWSPAPER MAN CALLED BY DEATH

Complaint That He Was Not Feeling Well Is Followed by Sudden Death

A. W. Sefton died at his home, 535 North Nineteenth street, at shortly past 6 o'clock last evening. Death came suddenly and unexpectedly. He had been at the Statesman composing room, where he was employed as a printer, at shortly before 6 o'clock. He was not feeling well, and after putting on a substitute to do his work for the night, went home on his motorcycle. He put up his machine and started into the house, when he fell at the front entrance and soon expired.

Anthony Wayne Sefton was 60 years old June 24. He had followed his trade of printer in many newspaper offices throughout the country. He was at one time employed in the government printing office at Washington. He was a good printer. He had also worked on several newspapers as reporter and city and managing editor. He had been five and a half years in Salem, employed most of the time in The Statesman office.

He is survived by his wife and small son, Wayne Edward, aged 6. His mother is living in Los Angeles, his brother Fred at Yoncola, Ore., and there is a brother at Oakland, Cal.

The body is at the Terwilliger undertaking parlors, but the time of the funeral has not yet been announced. It will be in charge of the typographical union, of which he was one of the oldest members in the country in point of service.

Mr. Sefton had complained of not feeling well for a few days, and had consulted a physician, but his sudden taking off, in the very activities of life, was a painful surprise to his friends and a great shock to his near relatives, who may be assured of the sympathy of the Salem public.

FIRE HAZARD REDUCED

FAVORABLE WEATHER HELPS IN COMBATING BLAZE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Favorable weather conditions lessened today the immediate forest fire hazard in the Pacific northwest and aided materially in control measures. However, there is still imminent danger if the wind shifts or warm weather returns.

Reports from the Kaniksu, Coeur D'Alene and Clearwater national forests in Idaho and western Montana showed the less serious. The Robe fire, the most serious in the Kaniksu reserve, has been trenched on a 10 mile frontage and is expected to be under control in three days.

The fires in the Clearwater and Coeur D'Alene forests are in unmerchantable timber. In the Lolo forest under the supervision of the headquarters at Missoula, Mont., the wind drove the fire beyond the control lines. The seventeen mile fire near Libby has been trenched on one side and great progress has been made in its control.

A fire in the Columbia national forest in Washington is threatening 5,000 acres of replanted forest. State, federal and Indian agents are fighting a blaze on the Yakima Indian reservation.

SUMMER IS DISTURBED

PRACTICAL JOKER VISITS CAPITAL EXCHANGE

Some practical joker last night disturbed the honest slumbers of Henry Steinbock, proprietor of the Capital Exchange, 342 North Commercial. Hearing a violent crash in the middle of the night he turned in a hurry-up call to the police.

Investigation by Paul Johnson, member of the police committee of the city council, revealed that someone had tossed a gunny sack of loose glass against the door. Tuesday night, according to Steinbock, someone broke his front window and made away with several pairs of shoes. Hearing the sound of breaking glass, he surmised that he had another visitor and notified the police.

American interests have opened an artificial silk factory in the Federal District of Mexico.

MONTANA IS AGAIN SHAKEN BY QUAKES

Slight Shocks Felt Throughout Entire State; No Damage Reported

TREMORS CAUSE FEAR

Hundreds of People Rush to Street When Buildings Are Shaken; Gallatin Valley Rocked

BOZEMAN, Mont., Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—A slight earthquake shock was felt at Bozeman at 7:50 tonight.

All sections of the city felt the disturbance and dishes rattled in the cupboards. Electric lights swung on their hangings and there were other visible signs of the tremor. People rushed from their homes to the street and the more nervous and timid were afraid to return. Other parts of the Gallatin valley experienced slight earth movements about the same time, and at 2:30 o'clock this morning shocks were felt in Manhattan, Logan and Three Forks. In the latter town plaster was knocked from the walls of some of the buildings and there were other evidences of the quake.

Manhattan, Logan and Three Forks are the towns which were in the path of the earthquake of June 27, and where the greatest damage was done. School buildings in the three towns were so damaged that a state-wide campaign for funds to repair them in time for the fall school term is now in progress.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—A slight earthquake shock was felt here tonight at 7:50 o'clock. The tremor did no damage and was not noticed by many persons in the city.

INSPECTION TO BE MADE

BREMERTON, Wash., Aug. 12.—Rear Admiral J. A. Hoegewerf of the Puget Sound navy yard, announced today that Assistant Secretary of the Navy T. D. Robinson, will visit Bremerton Sept. 18, on an inspection trip.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 12.—The schedule of first payments on the 1925 prune crop, payable to growers upon delivery of their fruit, was announced tonight by the California Prune and Apricot Growers' association as follows:

Sunsweet brand, cents per pound:
Grade 20-30, 12; 30-40, 7½; 40-50, 5½; 50-60, 5¼; 60-70, 4¼; 70-80, 3¼; 80-90, 3; 90-100, 2¾; 100-120, 1¾; 120-up, 1½.
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"HAVING THE GRANDEST TIME! WISH YOU WERE HERE!"



MORE PAVING PLANNED FOR HIGHWAY PROGRAM

BIDS COVERING 30 MILES TO BE OPENED SOON

Construction Estimates on Three Bridges to be Considered in Portland

Sealed bids will be received for approximately 30 miles of highway construction in Portland August 27 by the state highway commission.

This includes the Sutton Lake-Florence section of the Roosevelt highway, 6.15 miles with 108,500 cubic yards of excavation in Lane county; Hereford-Mill Gulch section of Baker-Unity highway, 12.45 miles of grading and 170,000 cubic yards of excavation and 2.5 miles of crushed rock on the Eagle Creek-Emigrant Creek section of the Baker-Cornucopia highway in Baker county; Bend-Lava Butte section of The Dalles-Calla highway, 9.05 miles of grading and 94,000 cubic yards of excavating in Deschutes county and the paving of approaches to Dairy Creek bridge, on the Tualatin Valley highway, in Washington county, 2.4 miles.

Bridges over Hunters' creek, near Gold Beach, 465 cubic yards excavating and 80,000 pounds of metal reinforcement in Curry county; spanning Umatilla river at Echo, 1200 yards excavating and 110,000 pounds of reinforcement and at Stanfield, 805 cubic yards excavating and 155,000 pounds of steel, both in Umatilla county, are on the program. A rest room at Emigrant Park on the Old Oregon trail, 27 miles southeast of Pendleton, to be of log construction, two stories and 40 by 50 feet, is also planned.

PRUNE PRICE ANNOUNCED

SOUTHERN GROWERS MAKE SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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PRISON ESCAPE RECALLS TRACEY-MERRILL BREAK

FIRST DEATHS RECORDED SINCE RIOT IN 1902

Desperate Prisoners Kill Three Guards in Break From Prison Walls

The escape at the state prison last night is the first accompanied by violence since that of Harry Tracy and David Merrill, which occurred the morning of June 9, 1902, when three guards—Frank B. Ferrell, S. R. T. Jones and B. T. Tiffany, were wantonly slain. Tracy was 27 and serving 20 years and Merrill 31 and serving 13 years, both for assault and robbery committed in Multnomah county.

With 165 inmates of the prison they started for work in the foundry at 7 o'clock. Farrell entered the room when the two convicts suddenly appeared with rifles in their hands and in possession of revolvers. Farrell was shot dead. Two other guards outside the door heard the shot and saw him fall. Frank Ingram, a life-terminer, attempted to wrest the rifle from one of the convicts and was shot through the leg. The other two guards were armed only with clubs and gave the alarm.

The two convicts shot through the window of the foundry killing Jones on Post 2. Tiffany, who was on the wall, dropped to the ground in order to get a shot at the men, and falling in this went outside the wall. After the two

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EXTRA PROVES POPULAR

2,000 COPIES OF STATEMAN SOLD; BOY INJURED

A special edition of The Oregon Statesman carrying a detailed account of the riot at the penitentiary in which two guards and one convict were killed, was on the street shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

Nearly every newsboy in the city was on the street and in a short time 2,000 copies had been sold, with more in demand. Owing to the necessity of printing the slogan section the demand for additional copies could not be filled. One newsboy was reported as being knocked down and bruised by a man in a Buick roadster. The lad, according to reports, was not seriously injured and was taken home in the machine. The accident had not been reported to the hospital late last night.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC OFFICER FAVORED

State and Commercial Held in Need of Protection During Rush Hours

FINANCES ARE LACKING

Provision May be Made in City Budget of Next Year; Safety Zone Plan Said Impossible

City officials and members of the police committee and police department are unanimous in the opinion that a special traffic officer should be stationed at the intersection of State and Commercial streets to direct traffic during rush hours, and such an officer will be stationed there as soon as finances of the traffic department permit, Mayor John B. Giesey declared in an interview yesterday.

The fact that the budget appropriation for the police department does not permit the employment of an extra man is the only obstacle to immediate operation of the plan and if this difficulty cannot be overcome before the first of the year an effort will be made at that time to have an appropriation for this purpose incorporated in the new budget, he declared. "I am fully aware of the danger at that intersection and am willing to do everything possible to secure proper traffic direction by a special officer," the mayor said. "If it can be done we will recognize the police department so that a man from the present force can be assigned to that job, but it seems doubtful if that will be possible because all of the men are needed in their present positions. I have personally investigated the situation at the intersection and believe that there is no question of the need of special traffic direction there."

Last year, he pointed out, the city council made an effort to alleviate some of the congestion by providing safety zones on Commercial street for the purpose of permitting motor vehicles to pass standing street cars while they were receiving or discharging passengers. This would have avoided part of the difficulty which now exists through the blocking of traffic by the street cars and the consequent traffic jams which often extend for a block in each direction. The council was forced to abandon the attempt, however, when an opinion of the state attorney general held that it was in direct violation to a state law and was therefore unconstitutional.

The state law of 1921 prohibited a motor vehicle from passing any street car on the right while it was receiving or discharging passengers. The opinion of the attorney general held that it was in direct violation to a state law and was therefore unconstitutional.

COOLIDGE DESK CLEAR

PRESIDENT SPENDS A QUIET DAY AT SWAMPSCOTT

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Spending one of the quietest days since his arrival here just seven weeks ago, President Coolidge was able to clear up his desk considerably preparatory to his departure this week-end for his father's home at Plymouth, Vt.

Michael Gallagher of Cleveland, a bituminous operator, visited for a few minutes with the executive at White Court on his way south for a vacation. On leaving White Court Mr. Gallagher declined to discuss either the anthracite situation or the charges of the United Mine Workers' officials that some bituminous operators are violating the Jacksonville agreement.

Mr. Gallagher added he had not discussed coal affairs with the president.

George H. Fairchild of Manila, P. I., also called at White Court, extending the greetings of Governor General Wood of the islands. Although he did not take up Philippine questions in detail with the executive, Mr. Fairchild later declared strongly against the giving of independence to the islands.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Richardson of Washington were luncheon guests. No definite date has been set for the president's departure for Plymouth, but it is considered likely he will leave on Friday.

Two Guards and Convict Shot to Death in Break; Three Prisoners Escape

James Holman, John Sweeney, Guards, and Oregon Jones, Convict, Are Dead; Murray, Ellsworth and Kelley Escape

Two guards and one convict were killed about 6 o'clock last night and two other guards wounded, one seriously, when four convicts escaped from the state prison, three of whom are still at liberty, all armed and desperate men.

The Dead:
J. M. Holman, guard; John Sweeney, guard; Oregon Jones, convict.

Wounded:
Lute Savage, guard, shot beneath the heart. James Nesmith, turnkey, badly beaten about the head and believed to have a broken jaw.

Escaped:
Ellsworth Kelley; James Willos; Tom Murray, believed wounded.

The four men had been working in the prison yard with other inmates and were sent to their cells about 5 o'clock. When the men went to supper the quartette remained in the cell house and congregated in one cell, cells being left unlocked until after supper.

Working with incredible speed the men cut through the top of the cell and gained the roof. Several pieces of rope, carefully spliced, were utilized in the descent from the roof of the main building to the yard in front.

Warden A. M. Dalrymple had returned to his office while waiting for dinner in order to get some letters he had left on his desk. As he picked these up he saw Murray in the yard. His first thought was to see to the arsenal in the turnkey's office but his entrance was intercepted by two of the escaping convicts who entered from the south side of the building. Finding himself cut off the warden rushed from the office for his home to obtain a shotgun as no weapons are kept in the office. By doing so he thought to get the men when they attempted to leave the prison yard.

Upon obtaining rifles and revolvers from the arsenal after beating James Nesmith, turnkey, the four convicts opened fire upon Sweeney and Holman on Post No. 1, the first tower north of the entrance to the prison. Shots were fired promiscuously, one striking Lute Savage beneath the heart as he came toward the scene of battle. Holman was shot with a rifle in one leg and was killed by a shotgun fired at short range, the charge tearing away a portion of his arm that he had thrown up to protect his face. That the range was short was evident from the wound, which tore away a portion of his face, striking him just above the lips and between nose and eye. A portion of the wadding from the shotgun shell was removed from his brain.

Sweeney was shot through the right eye, the bullet from a rifle striking while the eyelid was raised, leaving no mark upon his face. Savage was taken to the Salem hospital, where he was pronounced getting along as well as could be expected late last night. Unless complications set in there is every reason to believe that he will recover. Nesmith was removed to

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