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AMERICAN IS KILLED BY CHINESE BANDITS

M. G. Palmer Meets Death Last Month in Foolhardy Demonstration

OUTLAWS ARE ATTACKED

Strike Made With Intention of Frightening Bandits Fatal to Party; One Is Held for Ransom

HARBIN, Manchuria, Aug. 13. (By Associated Press.)—Morgan Palmer, the American who was killed by Chinese bandits at his ranch on the Sungari river last month met death while staging a warlike demonstration intended to frighten away the bandits.

This news was brought to Harbin today by Palmer's mother and the son of Dr. Harvey J. Howard, of the Rockefeller hospital in Peking who were at the ranch at the time. Dr. Howard, who also was visiting Palmer, was captured by the bandits and still is held for ransom.

Mrs. Palmer said that her son, July 20, declared his intention to take guns and go by automobile to show the bandits he was prepared for them if they should attack his ranch. Dr. Howard joined Palmer's party with his son. The others were a Russian chauffeur, Palmer's Chinese servant and a Russian boy. Arriving at the village adjacent to the bandit's stronghold, the party got out and sent the car back for reinforcements but the Chinese guard in the village refused to accompany the party. Harold Baldwin, Palmer's ranch manager, returned with the chauffeur and tried to prevent further advance knowing the bandits were well armed and mounted.

Palmer, however, insisted in going on. He led his party to a ruined temple, four miles from the ranch and midway between two villages. Baldwin climbed to the top of the temple to reconnoiter. Palmer, Dr. Howard and the Chinese and Russian boys entered a nearby cornfield, while young Howard remained alone in the car.

From the top of the temple Baldwin saw the bandits mount and prepare to make a sortie. He descended and started the car in pursuit of Palmer and his group and at the same time the bandits made a move to cut off their retreat, whereupon Baldwin swerved to pick up others of the party, who from the running board of the automobile carried on a running fire while making a dash for the ranch.

Meanwhile Palmer and those with him were encircled by another group of bandit horsemen. Dr. Howard and the Russian boy threw down their rifles and made signs of surrender, but Palmer and his Chinese servant continued firing.

According to the Russian youth the bandits dismounted and crept up behind Palmer, Indian fashion, shooting him through the head at close range, and then killed the Chinese boy in a similar way.

Later the outlaws sent messengers to the Palmer ranch demanding money and ammunition. The defenders there, who had gathered around Palmer's mother, collected all the available funds and cartridges and went to make terms for the release of the prisoners who had surrendered, but found the bandits had descamped.

The Russian boy was found in the village where he had been carried suffering from gunshot wounds in both thighs. The cap-

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MEN TRAPPED BY FIRE

TRIO WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER FOR OVER FOUR DAYS

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.) — It was reported here tonight that three men lost all their clothing and for four days were without food or water when they were trapped by a forest fire which is at present under control in the United States forest reserve near Quilcene.

The first meal after their forced fast consisted of deer meat. They killed a deer after it had been crippled by a falling tree.

The trio were badly burned but were picked up and taken to a camp and given medical treatment.

They reported that hundreds of deer were killed by the fire. In one creek the carcasses of 30 deer were found, the animals in their effort to escape were severely burned and when they reached water they died. The remains of several elk were found.

HOSPITAL ATTENDANT IS SOUGHT BY AUTHORITIES

POLICE SEEKING IVITTS FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING

Man Who Was Kidnaped by Escaped Convicts Fails to Report to Officers

Police are looking for C. V. Ivitts for further questioning. He is the discharged employe of the state hospital who was kidnaped by the three convicts who escaped from the penitentiary Wednesday night. He was ordered to remain in town by the coroner, as he is wanted at the inquest slated for today.

After returning to the city Wednesday night, Ivitts complained of fatigue and returned to his quarters at the state hospital. The police called the institution and left word for him to report before the district attorney at 9 o'clock this morning, which he failed to do. A report from the state hospital stated that Ivitts had been seen around the building early in the morning but not since that time. All his baggage, including a trunk, has been removed. The police are checking on him at the railroad stations.

Ivitts had a large check in his possession and came down town Wednesday afternoon to get it cashed. He returned to the hospital on a streetcar and called a taxi from the institution. As he entered the automobile the three convicts appeared on the scene and commandeered the car. When the convicts abandoned the machine they relieved him of $450 in cash, $40 of which was returned to him. He had been employed at the hospital for about a year and received $27 a month.

The fact that an automobile driven by an ex-convict stopped in front of the prison garage at 10 minutes to 6 o'clock the night of the escape and the driver talked to a trusty at the garage until ordered on by Warden Dairymple and then disappeared in the direction of the hospital; that Ivitts cashed the large check and that the ordered taxi arrived simultaneously with the escape of the convicts is being regarded as suspicious by officials and more than a mere coincident.

WILCOX IS NOMINATED

HECTIC RACE FEATURES SENATORIAL CONVENTION

OSHKOSH, Wis., Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press).—Roy P. Wilcox of Eau Claire was nominated by the republican party in state convention here tonight for the office of United States senator on the fourth ballot of the convention. The nomination was made unanimous after W. L. Pieplow of Milwaukee threw his vote of 183 to Wilcox.

The candidacy of Mr. Wilcox ran a hectic course through the convention, the lead having at one time gone to Dean H. L. Russell of agricultural college of the University of Wisconsin who withdrew after stating through a representative that he was unable to make the race.

Fourth and first formal ballot gave Wilcox 339, McGovern 53; Pieplow 183, Ingalls, 12, Clauson 11, Titus 15, scattered 33.

Early in the balloting a boom of some pretensions was started for George W. Blanchard of Edgarton, the permanent chairman of the convention, but after receiving a sizeable vote, he withdrew leaving the convention race to Wilcox and William L. Pieplow of Milwaukee. From this time on the vote for Wilcox kept steadily mounting.

WALDO HILLS GUARDED

COMPANY I THROWS CORDON ABOUT DENSE TIMBER

SILVERTON, Or., Aug. 13.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Company I of the Oregon national guard, headed by Capt. Henry Hutton, is stationed in the Waldo Hills. The men went out during the night, as soon as word was sent, and have not returned to town since. Word has reached Silverton that they are stationed in the vicinity of Willard, where the Zinn car was abandoned, instead of at Pratum as was at first given out. Willard is about three and a half miles east of Pratum and five miles south of Silverton. A number of the farm women from the Willard district came to Silverton this morning and stated their intention of remaining here for a short time. Underbrush and timber is reported to be so thick in this neighborhood that many good hiding places would be available. Those who are acquainted with the district report that should the convicts reach the Drift creek canyon they would have an unbroken line of dense timber and underbrush in which to travel until they reach into the mountains.

$3000 REWARD IS OFFERED FOR MEN

Pierce Declares Escaped Convicts Must Be Returned Dead or Alive

CRIME MOST ATROCIOUS

Governor Issues Order That $1000 Be Appropriated for Capture of Each of Vicious Murderers

Rewards aggregating $3,000 will be recommended to the 1927 legislature for the capture, dead or alive, of Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, according to a proclamation issued late yesterday by Governor Walter M. Pierce. The three named men were convicts at the penitentiary who shot their way to liberty about 6 o'clock Wednesday night after killing two guards, seriously wounding one guard and beating another. Oregon Jones, the fourth member of the escaping party, was killed by a guard.

"On Wednesday evening, Aug. 12, at about 6 o'clock p. m., four prisoners, namely Bert Jones, James Willos, Tom Murray and Ellsworth Kelly, escaped from the state penitentiary at Salem, murdering J. H. Holman and John Sweeney, guards, and seriously wounding Lute Savage, guard," the proclamation reads. "Bert Jones, one of the escaping convicts was killed by John Davidson, guard.

"The murder of these two faithful guards was an atrocious crime, and I feel that every official in the state of Oregon should make every possible effort to effect the capture of these escaped convicts and return them to the Oregon State penitentiary for punishment as provided by law.

"Therefore, I, Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby proclaim that I shall recommend to the next succeeding legislature of the state of Oregon that a reward of $1,000 be paid by the state of Oregon to the person or persons instrumental in the apprehension and return of each of the said convicts, James Willos, Tom Murray and Ellsworth Kelly, dead or alive."

SHIPS ARE REPORTED

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.) — Advices received here today stated that the gasoline schooners Baychino and Brown were at Herschell island, 50 miles east of the Canadian-Alaska boundary line, in the Arctic ocean, August 5, to stay ten days.

OREGON JONES WILL BE BURIED AT GRANTS PASS

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE BY RELATIVES

Thousands View Dead Desperado; Sweeney and Holman to Be Buried Here

Relatives of Oregon Jones, convict slain by John Davidson, guard, in a daring escape at the state prison Wednesday evening, announced yesterday that the body would be sent to Grants Pass today for interment. The arrangements are being completed by Dee Jones, a brother of the dead man, T. R. Hall and Mrs. Bessie Hall, believed to be brother-in-law and sister and S. Greco, who came from Portland.

Plans were delayed owing to the constant stream of morbidly inclined persons who continued to visit the mortuary throughout the day. How many have viewed the dead desperado is not known, but it is estimated by those in charge that it is well into the thousands. So numerous were the callers that the owners of the establishment were forced to spread blankets over the carpets to protect these from the constant tread of feet.

Funeral arrangements for John Sweeney, 59, and J. H. Holman, 55, murdered guards, had not yet been completed late Thursday afternoon but it was thought the services would be held Saturday.

Lute Savage, guard, was pronounced out of danger today. He was shot a few inches beneath the heart, the bullet entering between the fifth and sixth ribs. James Nesmith, turnkey, was still delerious and the extent of his injuries will not be known until Friday. His jaw is badly swollen and it is believed to be fractured. There is also the possibility that he has a clot of blood on his brain, physicians said. In addition to being felled by blows from a fist he was choked by another convict.

ZINN RESENTS PICTURES

NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER RUSHED BY TAXI DRIVER

Humor was injected into the hunt for the three escaped convicts Thursday morning when Z. J. Zinn, driver of the commandeered taxi, objected to being photographed by newspapermen. The party accompanied a group of Portland police officers to the schoolhouse where Zinn and Ivitts, a passenger, had been tied up by the convicts. Cautiously poling his camera between the arms of two of the police, a photograph was obtained. Zinn, upon learning of this, immediately grabbed a club and went after the offending cameraman, who fled with a pipe in his mouth and his camera and tripod in one hand. Zinn was held by four of the officers and gradually calmed down.

PROBE TO BE MADE INTO FATAL BREAK AT PRISON

INQUEST ORDERED TO DETERMINE ACTUAL KILLERS

Three Vicious Convicts Will Face Death on Gallows if Captured Alive

Two investigations into he desperate escape at the penitentiary Wednesday night will be made, it was announced yesterday. An inquest will be held today to determine, if possible, which of the escaping convicts killed J. M. Holman and John Sweeney, guards and wounded Lute Savage, according to L. T. Rigdon, Marion county coroner. Evidence and photographs obtained by John H. Carson, district attorney, immediately following the escape, will be offered and preserved in event the three escaped convicts are taken alive and brought here for trial.

"I shall have a full and complete investigation made of all the conditions surrounding the escape of the three convicts, Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos," Governor Pierce said. "At this time I can see nothing in the facts as presented to me that shows any cowardice or lack of management on the part of the warden or any of his subordinates."

Friends of Warden A. M. Dalrymple and guards at the penitentiary were bitter in their denunciation of the interview in a Portland afternoon paper yesterday in which Oswald West, former governor, attacked the warden, whom he held solely to blame for the entire occurrence. It is pointed out by these that the details of the escape, as related by West,, do not agree with the accounts in other columns of the same paper that were given by newspapermen who were on the scene shortly after the escape became known.

Should any of the three con-

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TWO CONVICTED IN PLOT

ALLEGED KIDNAPERS FOUND GUILTY; ONE ACQUITTED

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Claud Holcomb and C. Z. Stephens were convicted in superior court tonight of conspiring to kidnap Mary Pickford and hold her for $200,000 ransom. A third defendant, Adrian Wood, was acquitted.

The case went to the jury late today after a trial lasting three weeks. The jurors deliberated about six hours before signaling that they had reached an agreement.

Neither of the convicted men showed any emotion when the verdict was read at 9:47 p. m., nor did the acquited defendant evince any surprise over his exoneration. Holcomb and Stephens will be brought into court for sentence at 10 a. m., tomorrow at which time their attorneys plan to present a plan for a new trial.

PRE-WAR BEER SAID FLOODING THE EAST

Prohibition Department Unable to Check Supply of Banned Liquor

THREE CARLOADS SEIZED

Total of 6,000 Barrels, Valued at $100,000, Is Taken in the Last 30 Days; Drive Being Made

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—A rising tide of real pre-war beer is flowing through the east, challenging every effort of the prohibition department to check its circulation and is rapidly displacing hard liquors as the major commodity of syndicate bootleggers, according to Prohibition Director Merrick.

Three carloads of beer were seized today by prohibition agents from Mr. Merrick's office, bringing the total seizures during the past 30 days to 6,000 barrels, and valued at $100,000.

The increase in the beer traffic is traceable to the manufacture of real beer by supposedly defunct breweries located in the main in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, the director said.

A comparative famine of hard liquors due to the dispersal of the rum fleets was said to be another factor giving impetus to its popularity. "Investigation by agents has disclosed that the greater part of the beer flowing into eastern cities is coming from breweries located in and about Scranton, Pa., Mr. Merrick said. "But we have seized considerable been consigned by freight from New Jersey and Massachusetts."

Lowell, Mass., is another flagrant violator. On one day several weeks ago federal agents located and seized in Mayfair, N. Y., Providence, R. I., and Jersey City, N. Y., an aggregate of seven carloads consigned to these points from that city."

To combat the new situation special investigators have been assigned to "mop up" offending districts in the middle Atlantic states, Mr. Merrick said.

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 13.—Seven automobile loads of federal prohibition agents, sheriffs and deputies swept into Cle Elum, 75 miles north of here in Kittitas county, shortly before noon today, staged a series of raids which netted 28 arrests and seized and

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VOTING CAUSES SPLIT

DISSENSION IN LEGION POSTS ARISES FROM BALLOT

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—The Washington American legion meeting here in its seventh annual convention, adjourned its first session early today when a dissension over a report of the rules and order committee arose.

The majority report ruled that each legion post was entitled to but one vote in district caucuses which select district commanders. This would place the post with one delegate on the plane with a post with 20 delegates. The minority report read that each post could cast as many votes as they had delegates.

The majority report won by a single vote, but a point of order was raised when it was learned that only 66 posts were represented and it took 67 to make a convention majority. However, additional posts registered tonight.

The matter was to be taken up tomorrow morning.

CROP AVERAGE IS LESS

OFFICIALS DECLARE YIELD IS LOWEST IN 12 YEARS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(By The Associated Press).—The average prospective yield per acre of principal crops in the United States is lower now, the department of agriculture estimated today, than it has been at this period in twelve years, except in 1921.

If it were not for an increase of 2.3 per cent in the area planted to these crops, officials asserted, a serious crop shortage might have been impending. As it is the total production outlook was placed at three per cent lower than it was this time last year.

The acre yield figure was 4.5 per cent lower than a year ago and 6.4 per cent under the 10 year average due chiefly, the experts found, to drought in the corn belt and southwestern states, and in spite of a slight increase over the five year average for spring wheat.

FOUR KILLED, TWO HURT WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

SOUTH DAKOTA FAMILY ARE KILLED IN CRASH

Driver Is Declared to Have Been Unaware of Approaching Passenger Train

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Four persons were killed and two injured at 8:30 o'clock tonight when a South Dakota car was hit by Southern Pacific train No. 33, south bound at Harrisburg, 18 miles north of here. The dear are Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Castle of Rapid City, C. D., and their two daughters, Sylvia, 15 and Bertha, 18. The injured are Evelyn Castle, 9, another daughter, and Merwyn Castle, 16, of Portland, a cousin.

The boy was driving the machine and turned squarely in front of the oncoming train at a crossing three-quarters of a mile north of Harrisburg station, not knowing the train was coming, witnesses said. It was stated the engineer did not see the machine until it loomed up in the glare of the headlight an instant before the crash.

The dead were frightfully mutilated, while the injured children, who were brought on here to a hospital, will recover, according to physicians.

Merwyn is the son of J. E. Castle of 385 East Davis street, Portland, brother of the dead man. The party had driven down from Portland to pick hops in the Harrisburg vicinity, survivors said.

ELLINGSON BATTLE ON

QESTION OF GIRL'S INSANITY DEBATED IN COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—After a bitter legal tilt over the admissability in evidence of the confession made by Dorothy Ellingson to police the day of her arrest on a charge of the murder of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, the prosecution completed its case today at the trial of the 17-year-old "jazz" girl. Although defense counsel strongly opposed the introduction of the confession on the ground that the girl was temporarily insane at the time it was made the statement was finally admitted into the record. The first witnesses called by the defense was Dorothy's father, Joseph Ellingson, who testified that he believed the girl to be mentally unbalanced.

Police corporal Alexander McDaniel, to whom the Ellingson girl made the confession, was placed on the stand and told of Dorothy's arrest and of her confession made at 4 o'clock in the morning. When first questioned, McDaniel testified the young matricide frantically declared that Jimmy La Marr had shot her mother, but later she broke down and admitted the murder.

Another battle is expected at tomorrow's session if defense attorneys attempt to introduce the full transcript of the jury's verdict, returned at Dorothy's insanity hearing, declaring the girl insane.

CUTTER BEAR ANCHORED

COAST GUARD SHIP IS RELEASED AFTER 23 HOURS

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—The United States coast guard cutter Bear which was aground in Bering strait twenty-three hours, has anchored off Nome. None of her crew has come ashore yet.

The Bear reported by wireless that the gasoline schooner Maude which was reported yesterday to have broken away from the grip of the Arctic ice near east cape Siberia, on the northwest side of Berin strait, would await fuel from a Russian transport which had passed her by in the night.

The two ships later got in touch with each other by wireless and after refueling the Maud is to proceed to Nome.

Lieutenant Commander Leon C. Covell, commander of the Bear, reported that the vessel is not damaged and was in no danger at any time while lying on the outer edge of a reef off Cape Prince of Wales on the east side of the straight.

HUGE BLAST PREPARED

30 TONS OF DYNAMITE WILL REMOVE SIDE OF HILL

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Aug. 13.—(By Associated Press)—Enough dynamite to cause nearby mountain peaks to do the "shimmy" will be set off on August 23 at the Monolith rock quarry, near Tehachi, in an effort to loosen an immense tonnage of rocks. Thirty tons of the explosive will be used. Several scientific men and engineers have made plans to record the effects of the blast.

ESCAPED KILLER REPORTED SEEN

One of Three Convicts Believed Located in Union Hill District

GUARDS ARE DISPATCHED

Contingent of Guardsmen Sent to Section; New Lead Now Being Followed Up by Posse Authorities

Four armed guards were dispatched last night to the Union Hill region, about 20 miles from Salem on the Silver Creek Falls road under instructions to stand by until daylight and take up the search for one of the three convicts who escaped Wednesday night, following a report about 9:30 o'clock from a farmer's wife of that vicinity.

Awakened by the barking of dogs and knowing that the convicts were supposed to be in the district, she looked out of the window and saw a man running through the cabbage patch, she reported. Union Hill is located in a sparsely settled district and the presence of a man that hour of the night was regarded with suspicion and alarm. The guards left the prison about 10 o'clock and took up a position at the farm house.

Acting upon telephone information from a man in the King's ranch section, about 9 miles from Stayton, Capt. Paul Hendricks, in charge of a detachment of national guardsmen stationed at Pratum, sent a posse to the ranch district about 11 o'clock.

Another ray of hope broke through the clouds late this afternoon when it was reported by George L. Oliver that tracks made by three men had been found near Shaw and that these resembled the prints of prison shoes. Deputy Warden J. W. Lillie investigated and found nothing.

Nearly 75 square miles have been placed under guard with armed men stationed at every road in the district. Men are guarding as far north as the Pudding river bridge and the Jefferson bridge to the south. Armed parties are patroling the roads continually.

Just how many possemen are in the field is not known but the number is estimated at from 150 to 200. Independent parties and groups of armed farmers make the count impossible. The posses are under the direction of Deputy Warden Lillie, who was recalled from his vacation at the coast to take charge, and Major Tom Riles, of the National Guard. Twenty-five National Guardsmen under Captain Paul Hendricks and

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RATE RAISE IS OPPOSED

INCREASE OF FRUIT CHARGES MEETS DISAPPROVAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(By The Associated Press).—The Southern Pacific railroad's proposal to increase freight rates on fruit and vegetables between California and Oregon and Washington points from 49 cents to 63 cents a hundred was opposed at the interstate commerce commission hearing here today.

This hearing was a continuation of the one held in San Francisco August 10 and -- by Paul Carter, examiner for the interstate commerce commission in Washington. Mr. Carter allowe dall parties until October 15 to file briefs. Decision in the case must be made in Washington by November 6. Until this date the rate increase is suspended. Witnesses declared that to increase the rate 12 cents a hundred would necessitate an undue additional cost being passed on to the consumer or would require the jobber to shoulder the loss. It was stated that in the case of peaches, used as an example, the jobber operates on a 10 cent margin by the crate, and would have to pass on the increased cost or be wiped out.

MONTANA AGAIN ROCKED

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKES FELT IN GALLATIN VALLEY

BOZEMAN, Mont., Aug. 13.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt here and in other parts of Gallatin county this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Manhattan, Three Forks and other sections in the path of the quakes during the past few weeks or since June 27, experienced several shocks during the night and day. None of the disturbances resulted in any damage, and were not as severe as the shock at 7:50 last night.

RE-ENFORCEMENTS!