

KILLERS ARE IN PORTLAND

PRISON ESCAPE IS PROBED AT INQUEST

Tower Guard Says Others Failed to Aid Him in Single-Handed Fight

DAVIDSON TAKES STAND

Turnkey Declared to Have Had Revolver in Table; Escape Of Desperados Is Told In Detail

Two bloodhounds from Eugene were received last night and were taken by Norman Myers, prison guard, to Silverton in an automobile and thence to the Kline farm near Mt. Angel. An effort to work the dogs was made but later abandoned until daylight.

That James NeSmith, turnkey, had a revolver in a drawer of a table beside which he was standing when Tom Murray, escaped convict entered the office shortly before 6 o'clock Wednesday night and threatened the lives of three men in the office with a stiletto, and that both he and Peter J. White, another guard failed to come to his single-handed battle with Murray, was the testimony offered this afternoon by John Davidson, veteran guard, when he appeared before the coroner's jury. Davidson told in detail how he knocked away Murray's hand which held the knife and then kicked him in the abdomen.

The old guard related how he dashed for Post No. 7, obtained a rifle, heard Holman say he was shot and then went outside in order to get at the convicts who were filling the tower door and window with lead and steel.

"No, I never looked to see how bad Holman was hit," he said. "I didn't have time for any guard. I was keeping my eye on the convicts."

Seeing Jones come from around the corner of the wall, Davidson said he "cracked" him and that he fired several shots at the flying convicts, and saw one throw up his hand as though he had been hit.

Davidson said he had been stationed in the turnkey's office from 5:15 until 6 o'clock for the last nine months by C. M. Charlton, former principal keeper, who told him that he did not need a gun for if there was a disturbance there would be ample opportunity to obtain one from the arsenal. The turnkey is given the prerogative of having a gun at hand, Davidson said.

Davidson has been at the prison for the last five years and has had nearly 20 years experience in prison work. Target practice for guards was held twice a month, he said, firing at a 9-3-4 inch circle at 100 yards. About half the guards are good shots and the remainder poor, he said. Holman was a poor shot, he said, while Sweeney varied. Hubbard, guard on duty at Post No. 7, to the south of the entrance, was also a poor shot he said. Davidson is nicknamed "Slaughterhouse John" by the convicts, as he shot "Tiger" Johnson at Walla Walla and an inmate of the Oregon prison bullpen named Ogle.

James R. Carey, head chapel

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PARKING CHANGE TODAY

AUTOMOBILES MUST BE HEAD-ON TO CURBING

Watch your clutch today! This is the warning broadcast by the Salem police department with head-on parking going into effect today. The machines must be parked at a 45-degree angle and parallel to each other.

The police again caution motorists against coming out from the curb without making sure that the traffic behind is in the clear. Attention is called to the point of law that holds that traffic in the street has the right of way over that coming from the curb.

Work of placing the white marks will begin Wednesday and will take about 16 days to complete, according to Walter Lowe, street commissioner.

TAX REDUCTION BILL IS PROMISED BY PRESIDENT

FIRST PAYMENTS FOR 1926 WILL BE EFFECTED, SAID

Coolidge Declares Relief on Both Normal and Surtax Are in View

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Enactment of a tax reduction bill before March 15 when first payments of the new year are due, was promised to President Coolidge today by administration financial leaders.

Substantial reductions in the income rates, both surtax and normal, as well as elimination of many of the miscellaneous taxes were declared possible after a conference today between the executive, Secretary Mellon, Senator Smoot of Utah, chairman of the finance committee, and Representative Tillson of Connecticut who will be the republican floor leader next session.

Estimates of the treasure were presented by Secretary Mellon and the tax program began to assume definite shape. Mr. Mellon made no definite recommendations but Chairman Smoot and Mr. Tillson later declared for a cut in the surtax, applying on incomes of \$12,000 and over, from the maximum of 40 per cent to 20 or 15 per cent. They also proposed a reduction of the normal rates from one to two per cent on incomes of \$4,000 and under, from four to three per cent on incomes between \$4,000 and \$8,000, and from 6 to 5 per cent on incomes over that amount.

Early action on the tax reduction bill which is the major domestic issue before the next congress is predicted on the plan of Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee to call that committee together in October for consideration of the measure. President Coolidge will leave to this committee and treasury experts most of the work of drafting exact terms of tax legislation.

If the committee has prepared its bill by the opening of congress in December, Representative Tillson said today he would give it the same right of way on the house calendar, believing it can be sent to the senate by the first of the year. This would leave two months for action by the senate and for ironing out of difference between that body and the house.

Although the payment due March 15 is on incomes of this year, it is the plan to make the income tax reduction retroactive to this year. Changes in miscellaneous rates would become effective upon enactment of the law.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—While treasury officials have as yet fixed upon no program of tax reduction for recommendation to congress their studies of the situation convince them that government finance will at least bear a reduction of the surtax to 20 per cent and of the maximum tax to 5 per cent.

This would represent a cut of one of per cent from the normal and take 20 per cent off the maximum surtax, the present rate being forty per cent. These of course are not final figures and it may be that an even lower reduction in the surtax will be proposed.

EGG RACE CONTINUES

HANSEN PULLET TAKES LEAD IN EGG LAYING CONTEST

TACOMA, Aug. 17.—Eggs are the mileposts by which a thrilling race is being measured at the western Washington experiment station at Puyallup, near Tacoma.

Hansen Pullet No. 43 has taken the lead over several hundred birds entered in the annual egg laying contest conducted by the station and is now making a bid for a new world's record. With 76 days of the contest year remaining, this pullet already has laid 267 eggs and is now four eggs ahead of the famous Lady Jewell's mark at this stage of the race. Lady Jewell holds the present record.

The Hansen pullet recently laid an egg for 88 consecutive days and then, after a day's rest, entered the final spurt which her backers believe will carry her on to a new record.

CONVICTS LEAVE NO CLUE; GUARDS STAY

Posses Will Be Kept on Duty Until Information Received, Pierce Says

FOOD THOUGHT OBTAINED

Two Heavily Armed Men With Growth of Beard Demand Food From Home in Mt. Angel District

Excepting the receipt of the usual number of clues which when investigated have borne no fruit, the manhunting situation last night occupied the status that it presented Wednesday night when three convicts escaped from the penitentiary after killing two guards and leaving their leader dead.

National guardsmen will be kept on duty as long as the possibility remains that the trio are in hiding, Governor Pierce announced. Sunday the governor spent several hours in the district in which the convicts are still believed to be hiding, chiefly because no contrary reports have been received.

Possesmen were called Monday to two miles west of Mt. Angel where the young son of A. T. Kline had reported to his father that two men had come out of the brush through a hopyard and to the house where they asked for food. The frightened youngster gave them some bread. Both men, he said, had several days growth of whiskers on their faces and were heavily armed.

A report from Monitor, seven miles north of Silverton, was received in the morning that four men had stolen an automobile belonging to Lawrence Jacobsen. Investigation showed that the car was taken by Mt. Angel men and according to word received by the sheriff's office last night they had been apprehended.

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PROGRAM IS CONSIDERED

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—Election of officers and his program for the ensuing year are to be discussed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Washington chamber of commerce here Wednesday. D. O. Lively, manager of the chamber announced today.

YOUNG MURDER TRIAL IS OPENED; DENTIST CALM

YOUNG IS APPARENTLY NOT WORRIED OVER OUTCOME

Wife Declared Murdered by Gas And Body Incased in Cement Cistern

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Examination of prospective jurors to hear evidence in the case of Dr. Thomas Young, a dentist, on trial charged with suffocating his wife, Mrs. Grace Grogan Young, with a heavy dental gas last February and sealing her body in a cistern beneath their Beverly Glen cabin, occupied the first court session at the trial here today.

The panel is expected to be completed tomorrow. The dapper dentist sat through the proceedings calm and unruffled. He exhibited but a mild interest in the wrangling of the defense and prosecuting attorneys as the latter outlined the major contention that he killed the woman and sealed her body in the crypt, assisted unwittingly by Patrick Grogan, Jr., her 18-year old son, who mixed the concrete for the dentist to pour over the body.

Further the state held the killing was the dentist's first move to gain control of Mrs. Young's \$1,500,000 estate, bequeathed her by her late husband, Patrick Grogan, known as the "olive king."

Dr. Young's interest rallied intermittently as the prosecution on repeated examination, asked the prospective jurors if they "retained any conscientious opinions against the death penalty."

Young's attorneys lost their first court move when they failed at the opening of the trial to gain a continuance on the grounds that they were not supplied a transcript of testimony of the grand jury hearing which indicted their client. The court overruled the motion.

MOTOR COMPANY FILES

DOVER, Del., Aug. 17.—A charter was filed at the state house today by the General Motors Trust corporation. The concern, which will deal in motor vehicles of all kinds, was capitalized at \$16,000,000, represented by 160,000 shares with a par value of \$100.

UNCHARTED NORTH NOW CONQUERED BY AIRPLANE

McMILLAN PARTY VIEW VAST AREA OF FROZEN LAND

Navy Planes Carry Supplies to New Stations on Ellesmere Island

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—A vast uncharted stretch of Arctic mountain country has been traversed by aviators of the MacMillan expedition in a flight to deposit supplies at their new base on Ellesmere island.

Navy men aboard one of the airplanes reported they had seen many square miles of jagged snow-covered peaks, never looked upon before by man. Deep valleys divided the towering ranges, and in one place there was an uncharted lake, frozen over.

The area thus explored was in the northwest section of Ellesmere island, known to geographers heretofore only in general outline.

The excursion into the unexplored territory was made yesterday by one of the two planes which deposited supplies at Sawyer Bay just north of Flager Fjord. One plane developed motor trouble but got back safely to her station at Etah, Greenland.

Commander Byrd was in the plane which swung northward to explore the interior of Ellesmere island, and he described the trip today in this radio message to the navy department:

"NA-3. Schur and Sorenson, NA-1. Bennett and Byrd, left Etah at 10:45 p. m., for Cannon Fjord. At midnight ran into fog and low clouds, 105 miles from base. Mountains completely covered with fog and so impossible to get over them."

"Found some open water in Sawyer bay. Landed at 12:15 and located break in ice large enough to beach plane. There was mouth of great glacier near us and jagged cliffs. The appearance of Cannon near us was water dropping a thousand feet into a bowl. We had to wait for clouds and fog to clear. Then scum ice formed in places during wait. Finally at 4:15 a. m. weather cleared sufficiently to start for Cannon Fjord."

"Two planes took off, but Schur in NA-3 landed and signalled that his motor had developed a knock that made it dangerous to attempt to get over the mountains. He was instructed to

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BELGIAN WAR DEBT AGREEMENT IS NEAR

Coolidge Announces That Settlement Is Looked for at Early Meeting

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot Present Views to Executive; Terms Declared Stated

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Announcement by President Coolidge at Plymouth that the American and Belgian debt commissions may reach an agreement when they resume their sessions tomorrow was taken here to mean that the chief executive had authorized a settlement which he was satisfied would be acceptable to the Belgian parliament and the American congress.

Before Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot of Utah, representing the American commission went to Plymouth to confer with Mr. Coolidge, senators and others were told that the commissions were quite far apart in the negotiations and that some concessions would be necessary to an agreement.

While some details of the proposed agreement remain to be worked out, the impression was gained today at the treasury that it might be possible to dispose of all of them in a single sitting. Mr. Mellon and Senator Smoot will return here early tomorrow and meet the Belgians at 3 p. m.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The stand of the American government on terms of a refunding Belgium's \$450,000,000 debt was determined at a conference here today between President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot of Utah.

What terms the administration would be willing to accept was not disclosed, although the statement was made that the president expected an agreement to be reached when negotiations between the Belgian mission and the

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GOLD STANDARD SOUGHT

STABILIZATION OF FRENCH CURRENCY DISCUSSED

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—France is determined to revert to the gold standard, Robert Masson of Paris, French banker, said tonight in his fifth lecture at the Institute of politics on the "peace problems of France." Whether she was to revert to her pre-war standard or stabilize the franc at a new but lower value was yet to be decided.

"In either case we must begin by stabilizing the currency, and the preliminary measures are the final balancing of the budget which the president is determined to see through; an increase in taxation to attain that object which is being voted; a careful financial policy, avoiding an increased public debt and making provisions for its reduction; a settlement of the international debt question and a continuation of habits of thrift among the public. All this is either done, being done or likely to be done in the near future. Practically the exchange will be stabilized or will fluctuate between narrow limits."

MYSTERY NOTE IS SENT

DISAPPEARANCE OF YOUTH INVESTIGATED BY POLICE

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Police detective were assigned to investigate the absence of John Cahay, Jr., 23, when his family reported here tonight that he had been missing four months.

A note addressed to his two sisters which read: "If you want to see your brother go to a house on the Bothell highway about 400 feet beyond the city limits," was received today. The note was signed with the initial "S."

The Bothell road runs north out of the Seattle city limits.

STARRETT AND HUBBARD RESIGN PRISON OFFICES

PAROLE OFFICER AND GUARD HAND IN RESIGNATIONS

Warden and Governor Refuse Comment; Guard Vacancy Declared Filled

The resignation of J. V. Starrett, parole officer, and George Hubbard, guard, became known Monday. Governor Pierce refused to comment upon the resignation of Starrett while Warden Dalrymple announced that the other vacancy had been filled at the penitentiary.

Starrett was appointed parole officer by Governor Pierce about three months ago, taking the place of George I. Smith, who died in Portland. As the vacancy caused by death was not filled for several months, it is expected that there will be delay in naming the new parole officer.

Before coming to Salem Starrett lived at Roseburg, where he was identified with the Ku Klux Klan as organizer. Both he and the warden are intimate with the governor, though there has been considerable friction between the two prison men for weeks. There was considerable speculation here regarding which man would eventually be removed by the governor. The resignation, generally understood to have been requested, does not come as a direct result of the riot at the prison last Wednesday night.

Hubbard, according to testimony of several witnesses before the coroner's inquest, failed to fire a shot, though he is said to have had ample opportunity. He had been employed at the prison for the last three months. While his usual hours are from 11:30 o'clock at night until 6 o'clock in the morning, he was on duty the fateful hour while the regular man on the tower was at dinner.

Starrett, according to those in close touch with the situation, is entirely too friendly with inmates of the prison, and has made various promises to them, including representing himself as a personal envoy of the governor, and that he, Starrett, would be the next warden. This information was also given to several employees of the prison, including guards, it is alleged. This and other acts are said to have stirred up considerable discontent, and the results were far from harmonious to the administration.

CENTENNIAL IS OPENED

First White Settlement Honored In Celebration

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 17.—Vancouver's centennial celebration was opened tonight by Mayor Allen who welcomed the distinguished visitors and declared the exposition open to the public. Rev. P. A. Laviolette offered prayer, Mayor Gibbs of Longview, Mayor Baker of Portland, Representative Crumpacker of Oregon and Governor Pierce of Oregon gave brief talks, congratulating Vancouver and the committee in charge on the successful efforts to celebrate the centennial of the first white settlement at Vancouver.

A banquet for guests and the reception committee was held at the St. Elmo hotel. The city council assembled at 7 o'clock and proceeded to the exposition grounds for the opening ceremonies.

After the formal opening, the pageant, "The Coming of the White Man," was given. It is the work of local talent, written by Dwight Parish, who is also the director. The celebration will close Saturday.

TIMBER LAND IN DANGER

FIRE BREAKS OUT NEAR RAINIER, REPORTS STATE

OLYMPIA, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Meager reports were received at the state forestry offices late today that a forest fire had broken out in the holding of the Fir Tree Lumber company, near Rainier. A fire fighting crew composed of company employees and organized to combat the blaze, it was said.

A report was received from District Warden Robert Coombs that the Quilcene fire on Hood Canal would be placed on a patrol gale by Thursday unless unfavorable weather conditions developed. Immediate danger that the Quilcene fire would continue to spread seemed passed, Coombs said.

THREE BANDITS ESCAPE CANYON

Convicts Force New Era Family to Hide Them and Monitor Men All Day

ESCAPE MADE AT 9:30

Killers Compel Boy to Drive Them To Portland; Death Is Threatened If Alarm Is Turned In

Four men kidnapped from Monitor early Monday morning were held captive at the home of John Newman, at New Era, between Oregon City and Canby until 7:30 o'clock last night, when the escaped convicts forced one of the men and the son of Newman to drive them to Portland where they left the automobile at Tenth and Washington street between 9:30 and 10 o'clock.

Word of the escape from the mystery ravine east of here was telephoned to the penitentiary shortly after midnight by Sheriff Mass, of Oregon City, who received the report from the Newman boy upon his arrival from Portland. The Newman family were threatened with death if they divulged the presence of the desperadoes before the boy returned.

According to the story told by young Newman and relayed to the penitentiary, Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, with the four Monitor men, arrived at the Newman home shortly after 5 o'clock Monday morning. They kept inside the house all day, forcing the Newman family to feed them.

At 7:30 o'clock last night they took one of the four men, which one is not known here,

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ATTORNEY IS DISBARRED

SUPREME COURT FAILS TO REVERSE COURT DECISION

OLYMPIA, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme court today refused the application of Lewis Winthrop, Seattle attorney, for a rehearing in disbarment proceedings instituted against him and entered an order in accordance with the opinion of the court handed down June 24 in which Winthrop was suspended from practice of law in this state for one year. He was charged with unethical practices in connection with Seattle police court cases.

DRY ENFORCERS MEET

ANDREWS HOLD CONFERENCE WITH DISTRICT CHIEFS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Having concluded his individual conferences with the prohibition directors, chiefs and state directors, Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury will meet practically all of them tomorrow in a general conference.

As near as can be learned from those arranging for meeting, the purpose is to have a discussion of the whole prohibition enforcement situation on the eve of the coming into effect of the reorganization of the dry forces September 1. The first announcement regarding the general conference was that 20 of the 70 division chiefs and state directors only would attend, but this was supplemented today with the statement that it was intended to present all of the officers except the directors for Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska.

