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## WARDEN GIVES PRISON VIEWS

### Criticism of Prison Comes From Discharged Employees, Dalrymple Says

## GAMBLING IS CHARGED

### Guards Say Convicts Gaining Possession of Institution and That Discipline Is Unknown Quantity

Men discharged for disloyalty, sleeping on duty and drunkenness are responsible for most of the criticism directed toward the state penitentiary, Warden A. M. Dalrymple stated before the coroner's jury last night. Pick a man out of the gutter and then be forced to fire him and he becomes your enemy, the warden said.

"If any mistakes have been made I made them and am solely responsible," the warden said, "for the governor gave me free hand in the management of the penitentiary.

"Prisoners have always gambled and always will and if there have been any charges made they have been made by men whose duty it was to prohibit it. Men I have discharged for drunkenness have been called to testify before this jury and all I ask is a square deal," Warden Dalrymple declared.

Commenting upon the matter of discipline, the warden said that it is the duty of the deputy warden at every penal institution to assume the responsibility for the discipline and act as disciplinarian. If Jones and Kelley, two convicts, celled together it was without his knowledge and in violation of his orders. Convicts as individuals have made requests but never demands, he declared.

Since becoming warden October 8, 1923, there has been perfect order and it has been the purpose to maintain the best discipline possible with the minimum of punishment. Handling of convicts by the methods used years ago, when men were tied up by the wrists overnight and flogged is not tolerated. Lack of employment is the gravest problem at present according to the warden.

"Order has been excellent the last year and an example was offered during the legislature when the prison show played for an entire week. When I took over the institution the place was a wreck, with convicts joyriding in state-owned cars and being chased back to the institution by the Salem police. Since that time there has not been a complaint received regarding such performances," Warden Dalrymple declared.

"That convicts are permitted to accumulate tobacco and turn this in for credit was admitted, but not when it was known the tobacco was acquired by gambling. Warden Dalrymple pointed to his own house boy as an example. This trusty does not smoke but receives his two-cent a week allowance from the state. These are carefully hoarded and returned for credit on the prison books. Orders were given several months ago prohibiting the transfer of money from one convict to another and in cases of illegitimate barter the transfer must be made in the presence of the head chapel guard and receive his okay before en-

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## GIRL SWIMMER LOSES AMERICAN LASS DEFEATED BY ICY WATERS

BOULOGNE, France, Aug. 18.—Gertrude Ederle, the 18-year-old American girl, failed to swim the English channel today. She matched the strength and endurance of the muscles of her young womanhood against the treacherous waters in a superb battle, but was defeated.

The end came suddenly six and a half miles from Dover after 8 hours and 46 minutes of one of the greatest exhibitions the old channel ever had seen. She had swallowed great quantities of salt water repeatedly during two miles of a choppy sea which was encountered about mid-channel, and she was unable to withstand the effect this had on her.

Miss Ederle entered the water at Cape Gris-Nez at 7:12 o'clock in the morning and ended her strenuous task at 3:58 in the afternoon. She sobbed when she was dragged aboard a rowboat after having been kept afloat by Jarak Helmy, the Egyptian swimmer, who, at a sign from James Wolfe, the ever watchful trainer, threw his arms about the sinking girl.

## PARKING CHANGE BRINGS BUT LITTLE CONFUSION

### MOTORISTS TAKE TO NEW METHOD IMMEDIATELY

### Police Officer Is "Called" By Chief Minto for Backing Auto to Curbing

Head in parking became a reality in Salem yesterday with little excitement or confusion to mark its introduction. Two minor accidents were reported where the head in was named as the contributing cause.

During the early business hours of the morning there was a little confusion from motorists who forgot that yesterday was the appointed date for the change and parked their cars under the old system, but by noon most of the machines had conformed to the new regulations. Several drivers, however, parked their cars according to the old mode consistently throughout the day.

Innocent motorists were not the only ones whose memory of the day of introduction failed.

Chief of Police Minto accosted Officer "Walt" Thompson during the early hours of the morning and in a voice that bespoke power authority demanded:

"Whose car is that there. Who ever owns that Ford coupe evidently don't read the papers. I want to see the man that owns it and have him turn it around."

The genial policeman groaned. "I am sorry, chief," he replied, "but I cannot tell a lie; that Ford coupe is mine. I forgot all about the new parking ordinance going into effect this morning."

A warning was issued by Chief Minto during the morning that motorists must not back their cars to the left in such manner that they face the traffic on the same side of the street. Several cases of this dangerous practice were reported. The drivers had backed to the left and then in going ahead had crossed to the other side of the street, breaking traffic lines on both sides. This practice is strictly forbidden by police.

Two minor accidents were reported during the day. Ralph H. Kietzing reported having backed away from the curb and struck the rubbish cart of the city street department. In the afternoon A. C. Fleener reported a collision with a car driven by Mrs. Ritchie of 2080 North Liberty street. Eight accidents were reported during the day but in only two did the drivers name the new parking system as a contributing cause.

Work of painting the white guide lines will begin today and be finished in about 16 days.

## PLANT TO OPEN SOON LINEN MILL IS TO OPERATE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

It will be 30 days or longer before operations will begin at the new Miles linen mill, it was announced yesterday by B. J. Miles, president. The date of operation is now dependent upon the speed with which the remainder of the machinery will be installed.

B. Thompson of Belfast, Ireland, will be the superintendent of the factory, with J. S. McNeill, also from Ireland, as the permanent expert mechanic. P. Clark, mechanic with the machinery manufacturing company, is still on the job here.

Shoe and harness thread will be the first products of the mill. Miles declared yesterday. These are the simplest products and are therefore, being used to break in the workers. Later fish netting will be manufactured, according to early plans.

About 30 people will eventually be employed in the plant, he declared. They will not be put on at once but as fast as they can be trained and the operation of the plant smoothed down to routine.

## INDIANS ARE CAPTURED FIVE ARE HELD FOR WEIRD "WITCHCRAFT" KILLING

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 18.—Five Indians were being held in Oakalla jail here today in connection with a "witchcraft" murder of Wastetia Moccasin, or Atol, an Indian youth, in March 1923, at Thirly-Mile bar, on the Isard river.

The prisoners, Big Alex, Jimmy Loo, Dan Loo, Clem Loo and Eddie Loo, were arrested after a chase by the mounted police over about 2540 miles.

The Indians are nomads of a primitive type and live in the Isard river district of northern British Columbia, a remote region difficult to access. The murdered man was suspected of bewitching Loo, an old Indian tribesman. After a council the tribe decided that Atol must die and he was tied up by several of the Indians and left on the ice to freeze.

## BELGIAN WAR DEBT SOLUTION REACHED

### Financing Program Is Declared Solved by International Committees

## COOLIDGE FAVORS PLAN

### Assurances Given By President Wilson Are Declared Binding Upon Present Administration

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—An agreement to the United States with remission of all interest on loans preceding the armistice and part of the interest on the balance, was reached today between the American and Belgian debt commission.

The program, approved by President Coolidge at Plymouth, Vt., yesterday was described as recognizing a "weighty moral obligation," growing out of assurance given by President Wilson during the Versailles peace conference and also the right of Belgium to particular and special treatment by the United States. Subject to ratification by congress and the Belgian government, the agreement provides that \$171,780,000 loaned to Belgium during the actual fighting with Germany, shall be paid free of all accrued or future interest. The Belgians had insisted that the loans represented in this amount should be considered a debt by Germany to the United States because such a proposal "was accepted by President Wilson at the peace conference. Such transfer of responsibility from Belgium to Germany was refused by the American commission but it declared that "while no legal obligation rests upon the United States in the matter, there does continue a weighty, moral

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## STAGES PROTEST ARREST

### WASHINGTON IS DECLARED TO HAVE NO AUTHORITY

SEATTLE, Aug. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Right of Seattle to control stages running from Portland to this city was questioned today in superior court by the International Motor Transit company. This concern, of which Guy E. Kelley, Tacoma, is secretary, asked an injunction against arrests of drivers.

The complaint recited that the city arrested J. W. Hartman, driver, because he did not have a Washington operators' license and threatened to take others into custody. This action was called interference with interstate commerce.

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## LONGFELLOW CLUB NOW BEING ORGANIZED HERE

### MEN UNDER SIX FEET TALL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

### Purpose of Organization to Make Life More Comfortable for Tall Men

The Salem Longfellow club is being organized. Every man who is six feet tall or over is eligible. Men under six feet cannot become members.

This is a new organization, but it is spreading like wild fire, all over the country. Its main object is "to make life more comfortable for tall men." Already new hotels being planned in various cities are arranging beds and furniture for tall men, and generally taking stock of the demands and comforts of the fellows who are a little longer than the ordinary mill run.

Fate, or the organizers, have picked on Dr. Ansley G. Bates, in charge of the Staples Optical company's place in the Masonic building, to stand up for the new organization and get it started and on its feet; partly because he stands six feet four and a half inches in his stocking feet. So he is taking the lead in the matter. Already there are lined up the following upstanding Salemites:

Dr. H. C. Epley, dentist; Merrill D. Ohling, insurance; Arthur Moore, bicycles and furniture; Joe Adolph, cigar store; Frank Kellogg, accountant; Robert Eakin, manager jewelry store; Lewis Lunsford, sales manager music boxes; Keith Brown, student; Rex von Eschen, electrician; John Orr, collector; Sam Adolph, cigar store; Bert Victor, Columbia tires; Henry Lee, signs; Edward Potter, salesman. The promoters have on their list John, Allen and

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## FREE RIDES ARE PLAYED

### LIFTS FROM MOTORISTS SAID MAKING MANY HOBOES

Motorists who give "lifts" along the highways to boys and girls came under the severe condemnation of E. Kurtz, police commissioner of The Dalles, in a letter to the state public service commission today. Kurtz went to inquire whether there was not a state law restricting such a practice with the additional request that if there was no such law the public service commission would take some action.

The ease with which boys and girls can get free rides along the highway is making hoboes of scores of youths who would otherwise be attracted to this irresponsible life, he declares, mentioning several examples that have come under his observation. The state commission will reply that there is no such law and that the matter is not a fit subject for action by the public service commission.

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## OUTLAWS GIVE DETAILS OF FATAL PRISON BREAK

### STATEMENT IS DICTATED TO NEWMAN BY MURRAY

### Action of Prison Officials Is Described by Three Convict-Killers

Giving all the vivid details of their escape from the state prison, Murray, Willos and Kelley, murderer-convicts sought by police of the whole state issued a signed statement recounting the manner in which they shot their way from the penitentiary, killing two guards and leaving their leader, Oregon Jones, dead, outside the wall. The statement was dictated to C. L. Newman, their unwilling host at New Era, by Murray, and was signed by all three men and stamped with their fingerprints. The signatures and prints have been checked by officials and have been found accurate.

The statement which follows was released by the Associated Press. Some questions put by Newman are answered at the end of the narrative.

"It was our intention to pull the break—just a stickup, we meant—to get the guns from the turnkey, walk ahead and open the gate or else go through the tower. As it was, five guards were waiting with guns at the gate. They were of regular shift and on special duty. I and Jones were the first to slide down the rope, and we went to the turnkey's office.

"I had a knife only. Jones had nothing. As I went into the turnkey's office, Dalrymple and two guards came out. I let them pass. They were on the run. Dalrymple said as he passed: 'It's Tom Murray.' He made no effort to stop me. He seemed to be trying to get away from me. He knew we were making a break, as I did my best to intimidate them. The guards were unarmed also. He (Dalrymple) ran through the front gate and over to his house. Where he went after that we do not know.

"Right in the turnkey's office there was Slaughterhouse David

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## DELUGE STRIKES ALASKA

### 4 1/2 INCHES OF RAIN FALLS IN 12-HOUR PERIOD

CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Four and one-half inches of rain fell during a 12-hour storm here which set in at 10 o'clock last night. The rain was accompanied by a high wind.

Two washouts were reported on the Copper River railroad and a baseball excursion train carrying approximately 100 people who were going to McCarthy today were forced to turn back.

Several slides and other washouts were reported on the Eyak highway. No damage was done in this city.

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## KILLERS' TRAIL LOST BY POLICE

### No Trace of Escaped Convicts Is Found in Portland; Rooms Searched

## MANHUNT IS CONTINUED

### Hundreds of Reports Are Investigated by Officers; Trio Is Believed Still Hiding in Rose City

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Portland's greatest manhunt was at a standstill tonight. Though 24 hours had elapsed since Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, escaped convicts and murderers had slipped into Portland, police admitted the trail had been lost.

Despite hundreds of suspect reports, telephoned by excited citizens from all parts of the city, no clue of merit had been picked up by the man hunters at a late hour.

Murray, exercising a cunning and crafty leadership, outwitted the law and led his two companions into hiding.

Before dawn the city had been thoroughly combed; more than 250 policemen, deputy sheriffs and special officers searched public buildings, hotels, lodging houses, homes and yards.

It was 7:30 o'clock Monday night, the police learned, when the desperadoes took leave of their retreat at the farm home of Charles Newman, near New Era. In Mr. Newman's small touring car they loaded their guns and with Mr. Newman's 17-year-old son Leslie, and Leo Wilde, one of the four youths of Monitor, Ore., they started for Portland. Leslie, with muzzles of rifles and revolvers tickling his shoulder blades, was at the wheel.

Rare cunning was shown by the trio in taking the two hostages. "Spread the news," they warned the parents of Leslie and the friends of Wilde, "and we will kill them both."

The drive to Portland was accomplished almost without incident, young Newman told detectives. Only once did the situation become tense and that was when a guard on the Oregon City bridge looked threatening.

The desperadoes trained their guns on the lone guard, said Leslie, and the car went slowly past. They were not recognized and the automobile was not stopped.

Once in Portland, they drove at random for awhile around the streets. There seemed to be a debate between Willos and Murray as to where they should get off. Finally, leaving one rifle in the car, but with the rest of the arms wrapped in a gunny sack, the trio alighted at Broadway and Couch streets, a spot which was identified by Leslie after he had first

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## ALIENIST TAKES STAND

### HEAD OF HOSPITAL TESTIFIES IN ELLINGSON TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. J. M. Scanland, superintendent of the state hospital at Napa, Cal., was called today as the final witness in the case of Dorothy Ellingson, 17, on trial for murder in connection with the shooting of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, last January after the elder woman had denied the girl permission to attend a "jazz" party. Court officials expected that the case would go to the jury tomorrow.

Dr. Edward Donnelly, a member of Dr. Scanland's staff, preceded Dr. Scanland on the stand. He testified that Dorothy admitted the slaying of Mrs. Ellingson, but said that she merely intended to frighten her mother and that the discharge of the fatal pistol cartridge was wholly accidental. Dr. Donnelly refused to admit that the girl was insane or a degenerate. Under cross examination his attention was called to a report that he made to Dr. Scanland stating that the defendant had the tendencies of a degenerate. He explained his testimony today by saying that she was not a degenerate in a flagrant sense.

The defense announced that it would not call any witnesses in rebuttal.

Court adjourned until tomorrow afternoon when the cross examination of Scanland will be concluded and argument started. The case is expected to go to the jury tomorrow night or Thursday.

## THREAT SAID ADMITTED

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 18.—A. H. Gordon, ex-superintendent of the Kelso water department, tonight admitted embezzling \$1,200 of water department funds.

## GENERALS OF DRY ARMY DISCUSS NEW SYSTEMS

### ATTACK ON LIQUOR VIOLATORS IS ASSUMING SHAPE

### 24 Leaders Are Yet in Doubt Over Outcome of Housecleaning in Force

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Leaving actual enforcement of prohibition officers of lesser rank, the old field commanders of the dry army assembled here today in council with their generalissimo, assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury to consider new lines of attack and the impending reorganization of their forces. Before the conference it was expected that when taps were sounded in the enforcement camp tonight, each of these officers would know whether he was to become one of the 24 powerful administrators, be retained in the service with a less exalted title, or be "retired" to civil life. This did not develop, however, and they were left to sleep in a quandary as to where their "mess" would be served after September 1 when the reorganization goes into effect.

Coming from every state and division in the United States and Porto Rico, the prohibition officers met behind closed doors in the interior department auditorium and listened for nearly three hours to General Andrews and Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, who will be the chief's "aide de camp" in the new enforcement army. It was the largest gathering of federal dry officers held since constitutional prohibition went into effect.

Even some of the 19 divisional chiefs and 49 directors who attended were mystified as to the real purpose of the meeting. While they were not specific in their comment afterward, they indicated that it went over much ground that had been covered before, and that no hint escaped as to appointments in the new decentralized enforcement organization.

Others saw in general Andrews' remarks an indication that he felt he was addressing members of his new staff of 24 federal administrators and assistants who will take over the actual task of enforcement and this would mean, of course, the retention of most if not all of those who attended for some assignment under the new policy.

## ELEMENTS BAR PLANES

### ARCTIC EXPEDITION IS HARRASSED BY BAD WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Confronted with exceptionally cold weather, snow and fog, the MacMillan Arctic expedition tonight faced the probability of abandoning for this year its primary object of attempting to discover land in the unknown polar sea between Alaska and the north pole. As the period of continual daylight is at an end this week and the time when the expedition can only operate so far north with winter rapidly approaching is limited to scarcely more than two weeks and it is still far from the spot selected for its advance flying base, indications are that efforts toward completing its major mission will be terminated.

In the face of a steadily mounting file of radio reports from the expedition telling of increasing apprehension over the weather and the short time available for effective reconnaissance under great difficulties the entire situation was canvassed at a navy department conference today.

The result was the dispatch of a message to Lieutenant Commander Byrd, commanding the navy section of the expedition directing him to confer with Commander Donald B. MacMillan, chief of the expedition on the advisability of concentrating the important scientific work awaiting attention in Greenland, Labrador and Baffin Island. A reply is expected within 48 hours when a definite decision will be reached.

## CHINESE STRIKE OFF

SHANGHAI, Aug. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The strike of 2200 postal employees, called on Monday in a demand for increases of pay and shorter working hours, was suspended today. The workers returned to work pending a decision of their demands by the Peking government.

## NEW ROADS PLANNED

OLYMPIA, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The state highway committee will open bids on ten additional road contracts on September 15, state highway engineer, W. Hoover announced today.

## 24 ARE KILLED IN SHIP BLAST

### Ten Others Expected to Die as Result of Bursting of Steam Boiler

## PASSENGERS TOTAL 667

### Excursion Party Proved Fatal; Panic on Vessel Is Attributed by Calm Work of the Ship's Officers

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Death had claimed 24 victims in the Mackinac excursion steamer disaster up to an early hour today and at least 10 gravely injured were expected to die.

Most of the deaths came in the dark hours just before dawn from the effects of inhaling live steam. Up to midnight only four were dead. An hour later the death list had jumped to 17, and seven more died by 2:30 o'clock.

Every facility of the naval hospital was called into action to succor the injured. Physicians and nurses worked with desperate haste, while clergymen and priests hastily summoned from naval ships and from the churches of the town gave spiritual comfort to the dying.

The Red Cross set up an emergency hospital in Washington square, which within a few hours became the center of a frantic crowd of anxious relatives of those who early yesterday started away on the excursion without thought of misfortune.

In addition to scores of employees of a Pawtucket concern who were taking a holiday excursion, members of the third platoon of Pawtucket police were on the ill-fated ship.

Captain McVey of the Mackinac said that only fine work on the part of the crew prevented the passengers from leaping into the water when the explosion occurred. The pilot house became enveloped in steam and he could not see, but as soon as he could see, he headed his vessel for the shore and beached it to prevent sinking. Later the navy tugs pulled it off and towed it to Kinley's wharf, where an examination showed that the decks, both lower and upper, were warped about a foot from the force of the concussion.

The boilers of the vessel, which carried 677 excursion passengers, burst when it was opposite the naval training station at Narragansett sound. It was said that a patch placed on the boilers last night had blown off. The steamer was headed for the shore and a distress call was sent to all the battleships and destroyers in the harbor. Boatloads of injured were taken to the naval hospital.

Passengers on the first and second decks in the immediate vicinity of the boiler rooms were the more seriously injured.

The final relief ship bearing the remaining injured docked at the government pier at 9:30 o'clock today, bearing the body of a dead fireman, a member of the crew.

A number of children separated from their parents in the panic that followed the explosion are being held at various hospitals.

The fact that employees of a Pawtucket concern were on the excursion is believed to account for the number of dead and injured from that city. Most of the

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## SHIP FREED FROM ICE

### AMUNDSEN VESSEL WAITING FOR OIL AT EAST CAPE

NOME, Alaska, Aug. 18.—(By Associated Press.)—The gasoline and sailing schooner Maud, dispatched from Seattle June 3, 1922, by Captain Roald Amundsen to drift across the north pole, had assistance when she extricated herself this summer from the ice in the Arctic ocean 300 miles from her goal, it was learned here today.

A message sent by the Maud's radio and caught here today said: "Come clear of ice with help. Now lying at East Cape waiting for oil. A Russian steamer is stuck in the ice, and has been for some days near the Maud, which was reported at East Cape Wednesday after having been frozen in the Siberian islands, north of Anja, since autumn.

The Maud, on instruction from Captain Amundsen, who left the Maud off Alaska in 1922 and this summer attempted to fly to the north pole from the Spitzbergen islands, north of Norway, was to be rescued from a Russian vessel and then proceed to San Francisco to be paid.

East Cape is the eastern tip of Siberia on the west side of Bering strait.

