

TOM MURRAY CAUGHT ALIVE

Leader of Escaped Convict-Killers Is Captured In Hotel By a Clever Ruse

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 22.—(By The Associated Press)—Tom Murray, one of three desperadoes who escaped from the Oregon State penitentiary on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 12, is under lock and key in the local jail. He was caught as he was about to attempt a holdup of some local store where he hoped to get sufficient money to enable him to travel east as he had agreed to do when separating from James Willos and Ellsworth Kelly yesterday in the woods near White Salmon, Wash.

The story of the capture is told by Phillip Carson, 26, who lives at the Eden Helm apartments, Fifth and Main streets, Portland.

"I had been arrested in Portland," said Carson, "and was charged with vagrancy in police court. They gave me sixty days but suspended sentence in order that I might get out of town and stay out. I went across the Columbia to Vancouver, Wash.

"There I met Tom Murray. I was in the railroad yards where Murray was about to board the 6:45 p. m. fast freight for Centralia. Murray told me who he was and asked me to help him get away. We planned to go to Tacoma and stage a stickup.

"While we were on the way here Murray told me that after he, Willos and Kelly arrived in Portland shortly before 10 o'clock Monday night, they immediately drove in an automobile to The Dalles and then crossed over to White Salmon where they have been hiding in the woods and brush.

"At about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon (Friday) Murray and Willos had a fight. There was an old baggage car near the station there and Willos wanted to get into it and get some clothes. Murray objected but Willos was an old railroad man, got in just the same and when he left the car, Murray demanded to know 'why in hell did you go in there for' and Willos replied 'to hell with you'.

"There was some more words and then the three agreed to split. Murray was to go east and Willos and Kelly were to stay at White Salmon for a time and then hit out by themselves with Willos as leader.

"Instead of going east, Murray for some unknown reason, came down the river and went to Vancouver where I met him.

"I want to say right here that I never met such a perfect gentleman as Murray. I would not have turned him in but for the fact that he declared I was a menace to society and a lot of such stuff as that, I made up my mind that I would turn him over to the authorities so when we arrived here I took him to the Savoy hotel and we got a room. Then we planned to do a stick-up here. I left him in the hotel and called upon Charles Pilling, member of the night police force and hired him to aid in the stickup. Of course, this was all bluff, but a part of my game. Then I called on George Barner, mayor of this city, and hired him to be taxi-driver.

"My next move was to return to the hotel, go to our room, tell Murray that everything was all right and to come ahead. We go down stairs and I introduce him to Pilling and Barner and then tell them they are to assist us in the stick-up and everything did not say another word, but

I could tell he was doing some mighty tall thinking. Because of this I will try to get him out of here on the 3 o'clock train this morning to Portland where he can be kept in safety."

Murray was taken to the local jail and locked up, under heavy guard. He ate a hearty supper, but refused to talk or make any comment on what had happened.

George L. Barner, mayor of Centralia, gained nationwide reknown during the noted Armistice day riot at Centralia on November 11, 1919, when four Legion men were shot down in the streets by members of the I. W. W.'s.

SPECIAL ELECTION BEING CONSIDERED

City Council to Give Definite Decision at Meeting on September 1

Appropriation Measures Worry Officials; Crowding of Ballot May Cause Defeat of Bills

A motion to restrict the number of measures to go on the ballot at the special city election in October was allowed to carry over and the council adjourned without action of any kind at the informal session last night to consider the special election measures.

Indications were that the measure to call a special election will pass without difficulty but that a hot fight will be waged at the next regular meeting of the council September 1 when the question again comes up of what measures will be chosen for submission to the people.

The problem, it was indicated, is that appropriations are badly needed for street improvement, the construction of new bridges, and the purchase of additional fire equipment, but it is feared that if all three measures go before the people at once with appropriations asked in each case, all of the revenue bills will be killed.

Whether the question of an appropriation to initiate an investigation looking toward municipal ownership of the city water system would be submitted to the voters was left open for further consideration. Its backing, however, was much less secure in the council than are the other revenue measures.

"Personally, I am satisfied that if we load down the ballot we will lose all along the line," Mayor Gelsy declared in his opening statement in which he urged cooperation among council members in the selection of measures.

It was Barner who captured Frank Everts, when the bandit was running amuck. Barner had fired every shell in his gun but attacked the bandit and disarmed him. Everts was later lynched by a mob of citizens.

Mayor Barner is an overseas veteran.

It will also be remembered that Centralia was the scene of the capture of Roy Gardner, nationally notorious train robber, prison escaper and highwayman. In this case the capture was made by Louis Sonney, marshal of that city. A large reward was offered for Gardner's capture and Sonney, on receiving this, turned it over to

the bandit's wife in an offer in an effort to aid her. Sonney and Mrs. Gardner formed the Gardner Film company which was aimed to make sufficient money to fight for Gardner's freedom. The film company never actually operated. Sonney and the bandit's wife later started on a vaudeville circuit, but this too failed to be a financial success.

Gardner is now serving time in Leavenworth prison for 75 years after having been successful in a break from McNeil's island. He is one of the few men to ever escape from the Washington federal penitentiary.

A. C. ROSS IS REMOVED FROM FISH COMMISSION

HAYES AND VEATCH VOTE TO REMOVE MASTER WARDEN

Veatch Declares Move Was Made Solely in the Interest of Harmony

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Albert C. Ross, master fish warden since July 1, 1924, was removed by a 2 to 1 vote of the fish commission in session here today, and Edison I. Ballaugh of St. Helens, Or., ex-state representative, was by a similar vote appointed to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner J. S. Hayes of Bay City moved the dismissal of Mr. Ross and John C. Veatch, Portland, chairman, added his vote to that of Mr. Hayes for removal. W. T. Eakin of Astoria voted against the removal of the master fish warden and also against the appointment of Mr. Ballaugh. Little discussion preceded the voting. Charges were placed against Mr. Ross and no grounds were stated for his removal. Mr. Veatch declaring the action to be solely for harmony and the good of the commission.

"Mr. Ross has known the situation for some time," the chairman said, "and has preferred to be removed rather than resign while in charge. Is not that right, Mr. Ross?"

The warden answered in the affirmative. "The fish trust has won," was the only comment that Mr. Ross would make, other than to say that during his tenure of office he had never been asked by the governor to perform any act that could be interpreted as of a political nature.

Expenditure of \$100 to make a fishway through the falls of the Siuslaw river was authorized. The game commission will also spend \$100 for this purpose.

WRECK VICTIM DIES

BAKER, Ore., 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—C. C. Gingrich of Lane, Kansas, who was injured when his automobile overturned on the Old Oregon Trail Wednesday, died at a Baker hospital today.

BYSTANDER SHOT WHEN EDITOR FIRES AT JUDGE

CARL C. MAGEE IS HELD FOLLOWING FATAL SHOT

Fistic Engagement With Judge Leahy, Old Enemy, Terminates in Death

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Carl C. Magee, Albuquerque editor and storm center of New Mexico politics, shot and killed John B. Lassatter, a state employe, in a hotel here tonight, when in a fight with former District Judge D. J. Leahy, his political enemy, he drew a revolver and fired suddenly.

Lassatter was a bystander. Magee fired two shots after he had been knocked to the floor by Leahy, the first shot striking Lassatter and the second wounding Leahy in the arm. Leahy was the district judge who tried Magee in two cases, both of which gained national publicity.

Leahy walked into the hotel, witness of the shooting said, and immediately approached Magee and began pummeling him. Magee was taken into custody by Sheriff Lorenzo Delgado of San Miguel county but no charge had been filed against him early tonight.

The political feud between former Judge Leahy and Magee reached its crux in July, 1923, when a jury in Leahy's court convicted the Albuquerque editor of criminal libel in connection with publication of editorials attacking former Chief Justice J. W. Parker of the state supreme court. Magee was sentenced to prison by Leahy but was pardoned by the then Governor James F. Hinkle, before he commenced his prison term.

Because he criticized in other editorials Leahy's court while the criminal libel case was pending, Judge Leahy haled Magee into his court on charges of contempt in July, 1924, and sentenced him to three months imprisonment and the Albuquerque editor served a day and a night in jail before Governor Hinkle again granted him a pardon.

In the contempt case the enmity between Leahy and Magee reached its peak.

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DRY ORGANIZATION IS NOW COMPLETE

New Commanders of Prohibition Force to Take Office September 1

SIX NEW MEN APPOINTED

Eleven Former State Directors are Promoted to Higher Posts; New System is Praised

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—The field commanders of the nation's reorganized prohibition army were named today and given ten days in which to begin formation of their staffs in preparation for an intensive campaign to dry up the United States and its possessions. The new command made up of 24 federal prohibition administrators who will assume full charge September 1, and one chief prohibition investigator was organized chiefly from among the old dry officers, only six new men being appointed. Eleven of the former state directors, five divisional chiefs, the chief of general agents, one assistant divisional chief and one general agent were promoted.

This came as a surprise since Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, the prohibition field marshal, had declared in announcing his plans for reorganization that the dry regime would be made up principally of big business or military men in an effort to put fresh life into the enforcement organization.

Explaining the retention of so many of the former officials, Mr. Andrews said today that he had concluded after meeting them that it would be "a great mistake not to give most of them the chance to operate under a system that I feel will give more power and efficiency to the field enforcement of prohibition."

It was evident that the assistant secretary had made some progress with his original plan before deciding to keep many of the former officers as five of the new men appointed were former army officers and one a railroad official.

Seven of the executives were named only as acting administrators because Mr. Andrews said he had not yet determined on the men who "may meet the requirements" in those districts. He expected, however, that after the new machinery begins working, some of those given temporary assignments "may demonstrate their ability to render the service."

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BLAST TOLL IS NOW 46

EXPLOSION ON SHIP ONE OF MOST FATAL IN HISTORY

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—The death of Edward Donovan of Pawtucket tonight brought to forty-six the total of deaths resulting from the explosion of a boiler on the excursion steamer Mackinac Tuesday evening.

The deaths of three others today were recorded and as the hours pass, it is expected that others will be added to the toll. The forty-fifth victim to succumb to his frightful burns was Peter Borsay of Pawtucket. He died early tonight. The other deaths today were Bessie Mullin and William Robinson also of Pawtucket. Both the naval and Newport hospitals house a number of critical cases and physicians there said there are several who are no beyond all medical skill, so horribly were they scalded when the boiler on the excursion steamer exploded as she steamed through Narragansett bay on the return trip to Pawtucket with almost 700 excursionists aboard.

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BIBLE STUDENT ENJOINED

TEACHING OF BOOK IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISLIKED

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—A temporary injunction restraining the board of education from permitting teaching of the bible in the public schools here was granted today in common pleas court. Application for the injunction was made by R. H. Perry, a tax payer.

A demurrer to the action filed by City Solicitor Harry Brookway, was overruled. Hearing on making the injunction permanent will be held before schools open the middle of September. A course in bible study recently was added to the study in the public schools here.

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TWO NAVY PLANES WILL TRY TO SPAN PACIFIC

AIRMEN WILL LEAVE SUNDAY ON HAWAIIAN FLIGHT

Non-Stop Hop to Islands Will be Record Breaking Event; Planes Ready

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—On the first lap of their historic dash across the Pacific two PN-9 seaplanes, convoyed by two PN-7 planes, will take off from San Diego harbor at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, 24 hours later than originally intended. Announcement that minor final adjustments and tests of the Hawaiian flight planes will be absolutely necessary before the PN-9's could hop off for San Francisco and that the coastal flight therefore had been postponed from daybreak tomorrow was made late today by Capt. Stanford Moses, flight project commander.

Captain Moses declared that he anticipated no delay in the departure of the Boeing, scheduled to take off from Seattle at daybreak tomorrow for a non-stop flight to San Francisco.

Flying with Commander John Rodgers Sunday in the PN-9, No. 1, flagship of the Hawaiian squadron, will be Lieut. G. C. Schildhauer, alternate pilot, and Henry S. Cocklin, navy aeronautical engineer, in addition to the regular flight crew—a total of seven men.

In PN-9 No. 3, piloted by Lieut. Allen Snoddy and Arthur Gavin, will go Capt. Stanford E. Moses, flight project commander. Both the PN-9 planes will carry about half the amount of gasoline they will take on the Hawaiian flight and, barring strong head winds, should fly through the Golden Gate about 1 p. m.

The PN-7's with a limited gasoline supply, are due to land near San Luis Obispo between 10:30 and 11 a. m. Sunday. They immediately will re-fuel and take off for San Francisco, arriving between 1 and 2 p. m.

On the San Diego-San Francisco flight the destroyers Meyer and Corry will act as patrols, the Meyer being stationed in the Santa Barbara channel and the Corry 20 miles north of San Luis Obispo.

The Boeing will have two destroyers for patrols, the McCawley being stationed off Cape Blanco and the William Jones off Cape Mearns.

Nine barographs, six of which will be used on the Hawaiian (Continued on page 8)

TRAIN CRASH IS PROBED

RAILROAD AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONS ACT

SALIDA, Colo., Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—With but one person out of four score of injured remaining in a hospital, three separate investigations were in prospect tonight into the collision of two fast Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad trains near Granite late yesterday when two firemen were killed. It was announced late this afternoon at the Denver & Rio Grande hospital here that Mrs. Ed Hoffman of Omaha was the only passenger whose condition prevented leaving the hospital, and her speedy recovery is looked for.

J. W. Taughtenbaugh and Chas. E. Phelan, firemen on the two trains, were killed. Both men lived in Salida. Taughtenbaugh's body was not recovered until today, since it was wedged under the piled-up locomotives.

Immediately after his body was brought to Salida it was announced by the coroner that no inquest into the wreck would be held because other investigations would take the place of an inquest. The railroad company has started an investigation of the collision, two investigators of the Colorado state public utilities commission arrived here this afternoon and the interstate commerce commission is sending an investigator.

Failure of one train to receive orders to stop at Granite was blamed by officials of the Denver & Rio Grande Western for the disaster.

YOUNG STRIBLING WINS

GEORGIA BOXER TAKES BOUT ON TECHNICAL KNOCKOUT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—Young Stribling of Georgia won a technical knockout over Jack Lynch, Prescott, light heavyweight in the ninth round of a scheduled 10 round bout here tonight. Stribling weighed 163 and Lynch 165.

DOWNTOWN SALEM ROCKED BY BLAST

Water Tank at Barr Plumbing Shop Explodes When Safety Valve Sticks

WINDOWS DEMOLISHED

Time of Accident Forestalls Possible Loss of Life; Office Employee Cut by Falling Glass

An explosion that shook buildings six blocks away demolished the rear end of the T. M. Barr plumbing shop, 144 South Commercial street yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The bursting of a hot water tank caused the blast which blew out every window in the shop and totally destroyed a large lathe. Damage is placed by Mr. Barr at approximately \$2,500. It is said that no insurance covering an accident of this nature was carried.

No one was injured in the explosion although Irene Pierce, employed in the office, was slightly cut by a piece of plate glass which crashed from the front windows. The fact that the blast occurred after 5 o'clock saved several lives as a number of men were working on the lathe and in the shop a few moments before the explosion. About 15 workmen are employed in the shop.

The cause of the blast is believed due to the failure of a safety valve on the tank to operate, although according to the men in the plant, it has been functioning properly. The tank was of about 150 gallons capacity, and was used to furnish hot water to the Valley Grill, next door. It was heated by coils in a grate in the furnace and was operated normally at a pressure equal to that of the city water system. It was placed lengthwise on the floor under a large lathe.

The force of the explosion completely demolished the lathe and ripped a hole 20 feet square in the floor. Pieces of the lathe were hurled through the roof where a hole about three feet in diameter was torn. Some idea of the enormous force accompanying the blast may be obtained from the fact that a piece of the lathe weighing about 10 pounds was shot completely through a 3x14 inch joist in the ceiling. The force of the explosion twisted all the walls of the shop, and a huge timber, nearly two feet square and about 35 feet long crashed from the roof, demolishing machinery and supplies on the floor of the plant.

Serious danger of another and more disastrous explosion was averted by the fire department when mains connected with the broken gas lines were disconnected.

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INDIAN WOMAN IS GUILTY

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT IS RETURNED BY ASSIZES

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Eddie Lool, and Indian woman on trial for the "witchcraft" murder of Moccasin, an Indian boy, here March 1923, was found guilty of manslaughter in the assize court today. The jury added a recommendation of mercy.

Eddie was the last of five to be tried in the case, three were acquitted and the fourth, Big Alex was yesterday found guilty. Sentences are to be fixed at the conclusion of the present sitting of the assizes.

Moccasin was tied hand and foot and left to freeze to death on the ice.

ADJUTANT POST FILLED

DISABLED VETERANS' PAPER HEADED BY NEW MAN

CINCINNATI, Aug. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—John W. Mahan, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, announced here late today that V. D. Corby, Missoula, Mont., has been appointed assistant national adjutant in place of Joseph Loos, Cincinnati, who resigned.

Corby is editor of the Missoula Sentinel, a daily newspaper. He served with the marine corps, second division, throughout the war and was severely wounded in action. Corby was rehabilitated by the United States Veterans' bureau and was graduated with honors from the school of journalism at the University of Montana. "Corby will have charge of the Disabled American Veterans Weekly at the national headquarters in Cincinnati," said Mahan.