

# KELLEY - WILLOS CAUGHT MURRAY IS IN DEATH CELL

## Two Bandits Captured While Eating Lunch Along Road; No Fight Is Made; Now in Jail

### Brief Telephone Flash Does Not Give Complete Details of Capture; Four Portland Officers Make Arrest

James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley, two of the escaped convicts from the state prison, were captured at 4 o'clock this afternoon between Goldendale and Middleton, Wash., by four Portland police officers. All three of the convicts vict-killers are now captured. Tom Murray was taken in Centralia at 3 o'clock this morning.

Willos and Kelley were captured by Officers Christoferson and Jackson, together with two other police as they were eating their lunch alongside a road beside their stolen automobile. They were totally surprised and offered no resistance, the inspectors stated in a brief telephone flash.

Their capture has been eminent since Murray was seized, as it was known that they had split and were in the neighborhood of Centralia.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley, who with Tom Murray made a break for freedom from the state penitentiary on August 12, were captured at 4 p. m., today in a ravine while they were sitting in their machine by the side of the road eating their lunch.

YAKIMA, Aug. 22.—Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, escaped Oregon convicts, were captured late this afternoon in Goldendale, according to a long distance telephone call received from that place. A. C. Banko, Yakima county deputy sheriff, reported the capture. No further details were given. Banko and several other Yakima county deputies, under the leadership of Sheriff L. D. Luce, joined in the search this morning after a report had been received that the convicts were headed toward the Yakima valley from Bingen. The convicts are being brought to Yakima.

Word of the capture was telephoned to Warden Dalrymple who announced that guards will not be sent after the two convicts until Sunday. District Attorney Carson indicated today that should Kelly and Willos be captured in time, they would be brought before the grand jury for indictment with Murray at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

### MINING IS HAMPERED SHORTAGE OF WATER STOPS WORK IN PLACER BEDS

SEWARD, Alaska, Aug. 21.—Passengers arriving here today on the freighter Oduna from Nome on the Bering sea and Kotzebue sound in the Arctic ocean reported Placer operations had been stopped at Kotzebue because of a water shortage. They said the shortage did not affect Nome. Drilling work and thawing of ground at Nome is to be completed by the last of this month and two dredges of the Hammond gold fields consolidated are to start operations. H. L. Stoll, a passenger on the boat, said that a shaft of hit at Deering on the South Shore of Kotzebue sound had penetrated a lava bed where full grown fir trees were found. The shaft is 200 feet deep.

### PAPER MAN SUICIDES

C. A. WATTS, OF VANCOUVER, TAKES LIFE WITH GUN

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 21.—C. A. Watts, secretary of the

Centennial corporation and office manager for the Columbia Paper Mills company committed suicide at 5:30 p. m., today by shooting himself with a .32 caliber revolver. He had driven to the centennial grounds and was seated in his automobile when he committed the act. No reason was given for the deed. Mr. Watts was active in civic matters.

### BRIDGE FUNDS NEEDED

EARLY START EXPECTED ON BRIDGE-OF-THE-GODS

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 21.—Indications for an early start on the work of building the new Bridge-of-the-Gods across the Columbia river from a point near Cascade Locks to Stevenson, were reported here today by T. O. Webster, Benton-Franklin inter-county bridge, which has taken over the down river project. The cost is estimated at \$565,000 part of which will be obtained by bonds on the Benton-Franklin bridge. About \$125,000 remains to be subscribed, \$25,000 in subscriptions coming in this week.

## Murray Is In Death Cell

Handcuffed between two officers, Tom Murray, convict-murderer, was placed in a cell at the penitentiary shortly after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon 235 hours after he and two other convicts escaped about 6 o'clock in the evening of August 12 following the killing of two guards and the death of their leader. Murray looked "peaked" and kept his eyes directed toward the ground for the greater portion of the time.

Murray was placed in one of a row of cells reserved for condemned men on the east side of the north wing cell house and almost beneath the hole through which he and his companions made their escape. As an extra precaution a special heavy steel screen has been placed around the cell to prevent anyone from passing anything through the bars. An armed guard is constantly on watch.

The automobile carrying the desperado from Portland to Salem was accompanied by several others containing officers and newspapermen. The trip began at 10:49 o'clock Saturday morning and ended at 1:12 o'clock in the afternoon. Owing to the slippery condition of the highway and the heavy rain no effort was made to make it a speedy trip.

One pair of handcuffs were worn by the prisoner while he was heavily manacled to J. H. Carey, head chapel guard and Felix Herriford, deputy sheriff of Lewis county, Washington.

Murray smiled as he was greeted by a score of newspapermen, officials and photographers. Several photographs were taken. For the most part he kept his eyes

directed toward the ground, but raised his head to exchange greetings with one of the female federal prisoners.

The party escorting the prisoner was met at the head of the stairs by Warden A. M. Dalrymple and taken to the office, which was crowded with waiting newspapermen.

"Do you want to talk with these people?" Warden Dalrymple asked Murray.

"I haven't anything to say and it wouldn't do any good, but if they want to talk to me, all right," Murray replied.

No questions were asked and he was lead away to his cell. Murray complained about the handcuffs cutting his wrist and the pressure was released.

Murray refused to comment upon his two companions in crime. Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, though questioned concerning them by J. W. Lillis, deputy warden, after he was placed in his cell.

The wounds received by Murray, one in the hand and the other in the forearm, are light and are healing nicely as are his burned hands.

There was no demonstration by the prisoners in the penitentiary. Included in the party were Mayor George L. Barner, Chief of Police James D. Compton, Officer Charles E. Pilling and Deputy Sheriff Felix Herriford, all of Centralia and Officers G. E. Reed, M. Rekdahl and Pat Kelly, all of the Portland police department.

Phillip Carson, who had been ordered out of town by the Portland police, appeared at the penitentiary early in the morning seeking the reward offered for the apprehension of the escaped convict. As the main reward of \$1000 has only been recommended by the governor and no action can be taken until the 1927 legislature acts and will be split and the \$500 reward offered by Mayor Baker and Chief of Police Jenkins, of Portland, was contingent upon the arrest being made in Portland, Carson will probably receive only the \$50 offered by the state as a standing reward.

Carson spent the day at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. H. E. Morris, and kept away from the penitentiary until after Murray had arrived. He called later in the afternoon to file his formal application for the reward. It was intimated yesterday that the reward will probably be divided among the Centralia officers who made the arrest.

### INDIAN WOMAN IS GUILTY

MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT IS RETURNED BY ASSIZES

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Aug. 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Edie Loot, 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.

Edie 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.

### 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. Ebelan, 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.

### NO FIRES REPORTED

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 21.—With wheat harvest practically completed for 1925 crop, one of the oldest records made in this county seems assured.

Hermiston—Honey production in Umatilla county set at 300 tons.

## TOM MURRAY IS CAPTURED ALIVE

### Leader of Escaped Convict-Killers Captured at 2:45 This Morning

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 stairs and I introduce him to Pilling and Barner and then tell them they are to assist in the stick-up and everything is all right, not to fear.

"Just at that point, Pilling and Barner stick their guns in Murray's ribs and, quick as a flash he tumbles and exclaims: 'Pretty clever!'

"That was all he said. He went silent from then on and 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.

## DOWNTOWN SALEM ROCKED BY BLAST

### Water Tank at Barr Plumbing Shop Explodes When Safety Valve Sticks

### WINDOWS DEMOLISHED

Time of Accident Forecasts 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, 164 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.

### WRECK VICTIM DIES

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