

Six Fugitives Are Free Less Than One Day

Only Two of Eight Still at Large After Two Years' Digging

Others Traced, Capture Expected; Ingenious Plot Is Revealed

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Arrest in a beer parlor tonight of the sixth of the long-term convicts who escaped early today through a tunnel under the wall of the Washington state penitentiary left only two of the fugitives at large.

Harvey Scott, serving 7 to 15 years for robbery, was captured by a prison guard as he drank a glass of beer.

Elmer Johnson, former deputy sheriff, who led the party which captured four convicts at Page this afternoon, left with a new posse to seek John Weaver, 27, and Herbert Jackson, 20, both serving terms for robbery, the remaining fugitives.

Whereabouts of the other two Others Suspected Johnson said he thought he knew where they were and expected to capture them. They were reported seen 60 miles north of here. They were manacled at a tunnel phone operator's car at four point early today. He said the gun captured in a group today had wood-guns.

One of the eight fugitives was caught a few minutes after sailing his freedom by a man whose truck he tried to steal. The four who were captured later were lost in the semi-desert Snake river country and surrendered without a struggle.

The escape was not discovered by prison authorities until breakfast time, the floor apparently had been cut between 6 and 7 o'clock.

The men probably used knives and other utensils to dig the 45-foot tunnel, a job Warden J. M. McCauley said had taken them two years. The dirt was carried back into the cell house in cans, pockets and other containers, and sent down a sewer.

Tunneling Job Is Race With Time The tunneling job was a race with time. Warden McCauley said, for the fact that the prisoners were receiving their meals in their cells while the dining room was being overhauled facilitated the escape. The work on the dining room will be completed within a few weeks.

Working with infinite patience, Durning, Johnson, Thompson and Miles had cut a hole 8 by 15 inches in the cell floor, near the foot of one of the bunks. A steel inlay in the floor apparently had been cut with hacksaw blades. They also had made civilian clothes, which they kept hidden in the tunnel during their long project.

Each morning they had covered the hole with a cement-covered board, which matched the cell floor, and placed a stand over it. Apparently they fled as soon as they got outside the walls, for no attempt had been made to camouflage that end of the tunnel.

Warden McCauley said he learned through investigation that a long piece of garden hose, which had been missing for months, was used to furnish air to the digger, who placed an end of the hose in his mouth. One man worked at a time.

The investigation revealed, the warden said, that the convicts had been working on the tunnel two years instead of one as was first believed.

Grange Argument Hits 3 Measures

The Oregon state grange, through its executive committee, yesterday filed with the state department here arguments against three measures to be referred to voters at the special election January 31.

The arguments will be printed in the voters' pamphlet. One argument urges referendum of the law providing compulsory student fees for all persons attending Oregon's higher educational institutions.

Another seeks defeat of the sales tax law and third opposes the measure changing the time of holding the primary election from May to September.

Showdown on War or Peace Expected Next Two Days, French View

(By the Associated Press) A screen of silence in Rome surrounded the "showdown" Monday in the Italo-Ethiopian war.

Premier Mussolini in a brief address to the senate did not mention directly a new Anglo-French proposal for peace.

French officials said they expected the next two days to determine whether peace will replace the war in Africa.

Supreme Court Rejects Bruno Plea; One Word

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's chances of escaping the electric chair were definitely narrowed today, when the supreme court, in a one-word verdict, refused to review his conviction for the kidnap-murder of tiny Charles Augustus Lindbergh, jr.

Only two avenues remained open to the former Bronx carpenter. One is an appeal for clemency to the New Jersey board of pardons. The second is a petition for a new trial if fresh evidence can be found.

The decision was announced at the top of the first three sheets of mimeographed "orders" handed to newspapermen by court attaches. It merely gave the title of the case—"Hauptmann vs. New Jersey"—and then said: "Denied."

Leslie Contracts Await Final Okeh

Approval by PWA Set for Wednesday, Then Work To Start at Once

Contracts for construction of gymnasium and auditorium additions to Leslie junior high school will be delivered to PWA officials and the contractors, Robertson, Hay and Wallace in Portland today, for final approval.

Walter B. Miller announced last night after signing them on behalf of the school board. Lyle P. Bartholomew, architect, said he expected the contractors to sign today and PWA officials at Portland Wednesday, making way for an early start on the two projects.

Members of the contracting firm will be in Salem today to meet their subcontractors, all of whom will be local men. The day the board awarded the contract, members of the building firm stated that they could start work within less than a week after the contracts were signed. They declared they would use Salem labor with the possible exception of a foreman.

Rush Changes in Senior High Plans Revised plans for changes agreed upon in the senior high plans show it will be time to permit contracts for this project to be signed Wednesday, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Farmer Union and F. R. Shake Hands

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and the American farm bureau federation shook hands today on the new deal's agricultural program.

His recital of triumphs claimed for measures to restore rural purchasing power—frequently interrupted by cheers from the estimated 25,000 persons attracted to the opening session of the federation's 17th annual convention—was capped by pledges of support for Roosevelt farm policies from the organization's president, Edward A. O'Neal.

In international amphitheatre at the stockyards, capital of the corn belt which has been looked on as one of the chief battlefields of the 1936 campaign, the president delivered what many observers regarded as his opening bid for farm ballots.

Then from Chicago, accompanied by Postmaster General James A. Farley, he proceeded to South Bend, Ind., where he pointed to America's traditional religious liberties as a guide for all nations and was honored with a degree of doctor of laws by Notre Dame university.

In his Chicago speech, the president admitted "some mistakes" in the general recovery program but declared that economic vitality was returning.

Oregon Products Get Call In State Purchases, Ruled

Oregon products for use of the State of Oregon—irrespective of a differential in price—was decreed by the board of control yesterday as a policy hereafter to govern that body in its purchase of supplies.

Heretofore the state has bought Oregon products, only where the differential in price was not more than five per cent higher for Oregon goods.

The decision came after a group of stationers had come before the board and protested the purchase of supplies in Chicago, although it was shown that prices quoted here were 23 to 25 per cent higher.

New Evidence Seen as Hall Trial Starts

Witness Speeds West to Tell of Plea, Money to Make Getaway

12 Jurors Are Accepted Tentatively, May Be Sworn in Today

COURTHOUSE, Port Orchard, Wash., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The prosecution in the Erland's Point mass murder trial today announced it possessed a letter, purportedly written by Leth Hall asking a young woman for money to flee the state after the sextuple killings.

A jury of eight men and four women was seated, subject to challenge, as court adjourned at 5 p. m. The 12 were held together in a brick cottage, used as juvenile and women's quarters, adjacent to the courthouse.

County Prosecutor R. Warren Miller said Carrie E. Sickles, Memphis, Tenn., was speeding here to testify in the trial, co-defendant with Mrs. Peggy Peterson Paulos, charged with first degree murder for the death of Eugene Chenevert, one of four men and two women slain the night of March 28, 1934.

Two Peremptory Challenges Used Miller and Special Prosecutor Ray R. Greenwood accepted the six men and six women originally (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Enlarge Scope of Lighting Contest

Two New Districts Added; Garden Club Is Taking Active Part Now

Due to increased interest shown in the Christmas illumination contest sponsored by the Salem Ad club and the Salem Garden club, two new districts have been added to the city-wide contest.

The new division of the districts follows: District 1, west of Commercial street and south of State; district 2, south of State between Commercial and Winter streets; district 3, south of State and east of Winter; district 4, north of State and east of 14th; district 5, north of State between 14th and Winter; district 6, north of State and west of Winter.

In international amphitheatre lighting has been divided into two classifications for each district, large two-story homes and small bungalow type homes with a first prize to be awarded for each classification in each district.

There will also be a grand prize awarded for the best illuminated home in the entire city making a total of 13 prizes to be awarded.

The donation of the two additional prizes was made possible through the cooperation of the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Fighting Is Begun In Northern China

PEIPING, Dec. 10.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Fighting between Manchukuoan forces and the Chahar province preservation corps in southeastern Chahar province was reported today by Chinese sources.

The advisers said the clash occurred when a Manchukuoan detachment of 1000 troops invaded the Kuyuan district, east of Kalgan.

It followed an angry demonstration in Peiping yesterday by 6000 students, who shouted against the Japanese government in northern China and demanded mobilization of the army and navy for war with Japan.

Much Building Is Started in Week

Nearly \$15,000 worth of home building was undertaken here last week according to building inspection office records at the city hall. The week's 13th permit for erection of a house, a \$1000 one, was issued yesterday to E. Coffey, who will build it at 840 South 25th street.

The 23 permits taken out last week for all kinds of construction and repairs had a total value of \$17,275. Of this sum \$14,950 was for construction, \$2185 for alterations and \$100 for repairs.

Turbulent Editor is Slain

Cave-in After Blast at Mine Kills Sixteen

14 Others Crawl Out on Hands and Knees to Escape Death

First in History of Big Alberta Coal Field; 15 Bodies Found

COALHURST, Alta., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The first major disaster in the history of the Lethbridge coal fields took a toll of 16 lives late today when an explosion caused a cave-in in the Lethbridge Collieries Ltd. here.

The bodies of the men who "walked into death" as the night shift went on duty, were recovered from piles of debris today.

First the rescue squads came on five bodies. Several hours later they dug their way to 11 more. All the night shift had been accounted for.

Comrades of the dead miners, who formed the rescue crews, placed 15 of the bodies in a "death row" on the 600-foot level of the mine, a mile from the surface. The sixteenth body was trapped in a pile of rock and coal.

Second Mishap of Day in Verity The blast was the second mine mishap in Alberta today. Fifty-six miners escaped through an air shaft at the Kent coal mine, near Edmonton, while a surface fire was destroying the hoist, putting elevators out of commission.

The victims of the Coalhurst mishap were just going to the night shift as the blast occurred. Coalhurst is 10 miles northwest of Lethbridge.

"They walked right into death," miners at the blast said. More than 200 anxious men, women and children gathered there, awaiting (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Section of HOLC Declared Invalid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—In two emphatic opinions, the supreme court today handed to congress and the administration new warning against encroachment upon rights reserved to the states by the constitution.

Justice Cardozo, classed among the court liberals, reported the unanimous belief of the tribunal that a section of the home owners' loan act of 1933 could not be interpreted as authorizing state building and loan associations to acquire federal charters against a state's wishes.

Justice Roberts read a 6 to 3 decision that the federal government could not impose a special tax on liquor manufacturers and dealers who operated in states which remained dry following repeal of prohibition.

The HOLC case involved an appeal by three Wisconsin associations against a state supreme court ruling that failure to obtain state permission barred them from obtaining federal charters—even though their stockholders approved the move.

Alibi Is Claimed For Lebanon Man

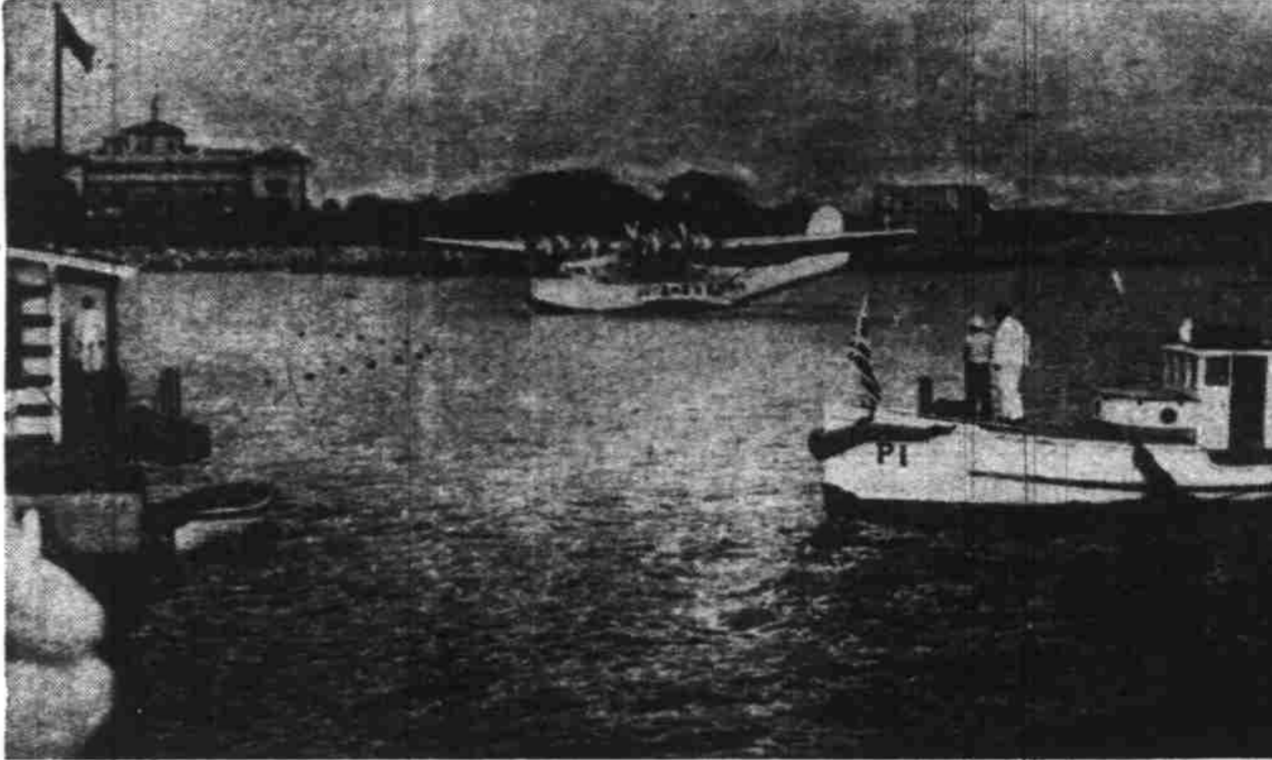
SPOKANE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—"Alibi witnesses" in the superior court first degree murder trial of Clarence Boggie, formerly of Lebanon, Ore., supported today his claim of being in Portland on the day Mrs. Peterson, 82, was slain in Spokane.

The murder date was June 26, 1933, and J. Frank Sutherland, who had been associated with Boggie in logging operations, said the accused man dined with him at his Portland home that day.

Nathan Enkells, Portland pawnbroker, testified that Boggie bought an overcoat, slippers and a carpenter's square in his shop "sometime in the summer of 1933." The state alleges Boggie stole the items from Peterson's home.

The defense opened its case today.

CLIPPER BRINGS ISLANDS CLOSER TO U. S.



Here's a picture of the triumphant landing of the China Clipper at Manila, P. I., on Thanksgiving eve. Left, in background, is the Manila hotel, Banks of the Pasig river are thronged with enthusiastic natives and Americans celebrating the flight. But the significant thing about the picture is that it's here. Before the China Clipper established fast mail service to the islands, 26 days was the shortest time in which pictures could be obtained from that part of the world. The Clipper brought this picture of itself to the United States in six days.

Kellaher Case to Face Grand Jury

Offering to Accept Bribe Charged; Probe to Be Launched Today

The Marion county grand jury is scheduled today to bring its investigation of the case of Dan Kellaher, ex-state parole officer, who was bound over to the jury from justice court here under charge of offering to accept a bribe.

The charge grew out of a document introduced by Ralph Moody, deputy attorney-general, before Governor Martin when the latter was considering a proposed pardon for L. A. Banks of Medford. Lengthy Document To Be Shown First

The document purported to show that Banks had agreed to pay Kellaher \$50,000 if he would secure a pardon for him. District Attorney G. A. Gladek, who will handle the presentation of the case of the grand jury, said he would start his investigation by presenting the alleged contract to the jurors.

Trindle's office has worked for months preparing its case. Banks, a former newspaper editor and publisher at Medford, shot and killed George W. Prescott, Jackson county police officer, during the ballot theft controversy in Jackson county.

AAA Validity Is Up Before Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The new deal entrusted its farm-aid policies today to a questioning supreme court which heard their constitutionality gravely defended and vigorously challenged.

Interrogation from the bench in the drama-filled setting quickly aroused conjecture of a possible division among the nine justices on the vital AAA issue.

The palatial courtroom packed with distinguished onlookers heard justices generally regarded as "conservatives" make inquiries so pointed as almost to convey an impression of skepticism.

Offsetting this were interrogations by so-called "liberal" justices that at times seemed to help Solicitor-General Stanley Reed bring out the strength of the government's case.

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Armipriest Sends Order For Statesman Renewal On First Clipper Jaunt

Bob Armipriest, Salem boy who is in the regular army stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, sent his renewal to The Statesman in a letter which came on the first plane-load of mail from the islands to the mainland, on the first return voyage of the China Clipper.

Bob writes: "The Clipper arrived with the first load from the mainland November 23 and was given a grand welcome." The outside of the envelope carried the special stamp impression for the flight.

Winners of Final Round Announced

Bridge Tournay Scores of Series to Be Revealed Tomorrow, Stated

Winners of the eighth and final session of the regular competitive sessions of the Elks-Statesman bridge tournament were announced last night by George Ketchum, director. The play-off will be next Monday night. The winners last night were:

North and south, high: Harold Hauk, Tom Drynan; second high: George Waale, W. H. Quinn. East and west, high: Mrs. Max Gunter, Mrs. L. L. McCarty; second high: Mrs. Ed Baker, Mrs. Oliver Locke, tied with Carl Armstrong and Earl Fisher. Door prizes were won by Harold Hauk and Elmo McMillan.

Winners for six out of the eight sessions will be announced in Wednesday's Statesman. Ketchum said. The players' scores in their highest six games are added together to determine the winners, he explained. By this method a player who might have had a low score in one or two games would still have a chance to place among the winners.

Exonerate Officer in Fatal Highway Accident

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A coroner jury exonerated State Patrolman W. A. Lewis of blame in the accident which resulted in the death of B. A. Hoag, 71, of Medford. Hoag was struck by the trooper's car as he was walking across the highway.

Ten Men Face Charges of Gambling Following Raid

Arraignment of ten local men, charged with gambling, has been set for tomorrow at 2 p. m. before Justice of the Peace Overton at Woodburn. The men were arrested at 3 o'clock Sunday morning in a sudden raid on the home of Karl Corey, 580 South 16th street.

The raid was conducted by six state police officers led by Captain Walter Lansing. Armed with a search warrant signed by C. A. Warren, special investigator for the state police department, the policemen broke into Corey's home and arrested the players.

Men arrested included Corey, George W. Rice, E. L. Reaney, O. Umento, a Japanese, Ivo Martin Krohonen, Ira Jones, James W. Dixon, George E. Dickerson, Wallace A. Ralph, Jack Sherman. Other Raids Likely Moody Indicates

Ralph Moody, assistant attorney-general, who had been leading the gambling investigations in Marion county, supervised the raid although he did not accompany police to Corey's home. He said yesterday he would continue his investigations and intimated other raids might be in prospect.

Olson's Critic Shot Down at Rear of Home

Three Shots Fired From Parked Car; Wife and Daughter Look on

Stormy Petrel Writer's Recent Clashes With Law Are Recalled

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Walter Liggett, publisher of the Midwest American, local weekly newspaper, was shot and killed by unidentified assailants tonight.

Liggett's body was found a few feet from an automobile which he had parked in the rear of his home. He had been shot three times.

Liggett, whose newspaper had frequently attacked the administration of Gov. Floyd B. Olson, farmer-laborite, recently was acquitted in St. Paul of a statutory charge. He was accused of an offense against a minor girl, but a jury freed him. Frank Eilla, Austin, Minn., who was charged with abduction in the same case, was convicted by another jury last week.

Was Returning From Shopping Tour Liggett was returning to his apartment tonight after a grocery shopping tour. In the rear seat were his wife, Edith, and his ten-year-old daughter, Marjorie.

He drove into the alley in the rear of his apartment and halted his car. Across the alley, headed in the other direction, was another car, lights burning and motor running.

Liggett stepped from the machine, his arms full of groceries. Three shots rang out in quick succession, apparently from the other car.

Wife Recognized One, She Declares He fell and the groceries tumbled from his arms. Mrs. Liggett leaped from the car and ran to his side. For a moment his daughter was stunned. Then she screamed.

"Don't, Daddy, don't." The other car raced down the alley, turning at the corner. Mrs. Liggett told police she got only a glimpse of the assailants, but that she was sure she recognized one, and thought she recognized the other. As far as she could see, she said, there were only two men in the car.

'Hotel' to Reopen Today Says Minto

The doors to Hotel de Minto, which for nearly four years were the gates to a place to sleep and eat, for transient men, will swing open again today, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto announced last night. The first meal will be served at the dinner hour.

The "Hotel" pantry was stocked yesterday with meat, bread and several other staples but still lacking in an adequate supply of the potatoes, carrots and onions so necessary for "flophouse" stew. Chief Minto requested that persons willing to donate vegetables should telephone police headquarters. Supplies will be called for within the city limits.

Regulations will be more lenient under the resumption of police management of Hotel de Minto than they were under the federal transient relief administration but the "patrons" will still be required to pay for their bed and meals by sawing wood or cleaning house. The transient station will be open all night to accommodate the many late arrivals from freight train and highway; under the transient relief administration's supervision, it was closed at 10 o'clock each night.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS '35. An advertisement for Christmas seals featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman, and text promoting the purchase of seals to support the war effort.

13 Shopping Days 'til Christmas (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)