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FAIR WEATHER Foggy near coast tonight and Tuesday; mild temperature, light westerly winds.

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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

AUTO STOLEN AT MONITOR

REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT NOT VERIFIED

Prison Official Under Fire As Responsible For Escape of Convicts Goes Out Today.

J. V. Starrett, parole officer at the state penitentiary, has resigned, it was announced at the office of Governor Pierce today.

Reports that the resignation had been asked for by the governor since the prison break of last week could not be confirmed.

J. V. Starrett, parole officer at the prison, former ku klux klan member in Roseburg and lobby lieutenant of the governor during the past session of the legislature, and not Warden Dalrymple is the one most likely to lose his official head as a result of the prison delivery and killings of last Wednesday evening, according to those close to the administration.

The escape, in the opinion of these sources, brings to a head the open break and friction that has existed between Starrett and the warden since almost the first day the former went out to the institution as the successor of the late George I. Smith.

Starrett, they declare, has been much too chummy with certain of the cons, playing favorites, and has even alleged to have gone so far as to promise to several of them paroles that he could not deliver, thereby fostering discontent among the prisoners.

For weeks comment has been general over the alleged claims of

MAIL ROBBER SOUGHT AS SLAYER OF INFORMERS

Muncie, Ind., Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—George (Dutch) Anderson, mail robber, jailbreaker and pal of Gerald Chapman, today still was being hunted for his latest crime—the slaying of Ben Hance and his wife, who informed on Chapman.

Last night police received a "hot tip" that Anderson was hiding in a farm house between Muncie and Hartford City, Ind. Armed with riot guns, several squads of police closed in on the place but after a complete search of the place, Anderson, as usual, was missing.

A coroner inquest scheduled for today, officers say, will be indefinitely postponed to give police and federal operatives, who are assisting in the search more time to hunt the slayer and to gather evidence.

Anderson and Charles (Oss Arm) Wolfe, are named as the slayers by Hance in a dying statement. Hance told Marshal Hoover of Middletown, near where they were slain, that "Dutch" Anderson and Charles Wolfe "got me."

The Three Musketeers As Might Have Been



If Governor Oswald Hoyt would repeat his Tom Hall episode when he, as governor, bailed that fugitive into the wilds of the Coast range and brought him in single handed, he will have to go it alone.

By RALPH WATSON

Half an inch, half an inch, Half an inch, onward! Into the convicts' lair Crawled the three gunners. Forward the Oil Can! "Shoot at where they ran!" Into the convicts' lair Crawled the three gunners. "Forward the White Faced Calf!" Was there a man afraid? Not e'en tho' Oswald knew Someone had blundered. Their's not to alibi Their's not to tell him why, Their's but to do or die!

BARK GATHERER KILLED TRYING TO EVADE ARREST

Roseburg, Aug. 17.—Attempting flight to evade arrest on a charge of obtaining money and goods under false pretenses, W. D. Goforth aged about 25, of Reedport, was shot and fatally wounded early Sunday morning by Deputy Sheriff Ed Grubbe, of Kilton, on the county highway about a half mile west of that town.

J. H. Goforth, a younger brother of the dead man, was charged jointly in the complaint that led to the tragedy, and was with him when it occurred. He took to his heels at the same time but when his brother fell wounded he stopped and surrendered. He accompanied the wounded man in the automobile that brought him to Roseburg, but upon arriving in this city he

BELGIAN DEBT ISSUE SETTLED BY TOMORROW

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 17.—(AP)—President Coolidge expects an agreement to be reached probably tomorrow, on terms for refunding Belgium's debt to the United States. An official statement issued after the president had discussed the situation for two hours today with Secretary Mellon and Senator Smoot of Utah, said "final agreement" was in sight and that no deadlock had developed.

Chinese Postmen Strike. Shanghai, China, Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—Twenty-two hundred out of 4000 postal employees walked out today demanding increases in pay and shorter working hours. The strikers attacked the Chinese constable guarding the postoffice and administered a beating. The constable fired upon the men wounding one. Deliveries have been suspended.

COW MILKED DRY LATEST CLUE TO CONS

Farmer Two Miles North of Silverton Reports Cow Milked; May Have Doubled Back.

The theory that the three fugitive convicts who escaped from the penitentiary Wednesday evening may have doubled back on their trail and followed down the Pudding river, instead of penetrating eastward further into the wilds, was strengthened when it was reported that a cow belonging to John Diehl, a farmer living two miles north of Silverton on the Abiqua river, was found milked dry Saturday morning.

Deputy Warden Lilley advanced the theory last night after thorough search of the Drift creek canyon had failed to reveal any trace of the convicts ever having been in there. According to Lilley it would have been an easy matter for the fugitives to have followed downstream through the brush along Pudding river the night they took to the brush, as no posse was sent into the country until daylight.

Lilley went to the Diehl farm (Continued on Page Five)

MANHUNTERS CONTINUE SEARCH FOR ESCAPED CONS

National guardsmen will be kept on duty as long as there is any hope that the three escapees are hiding out, it was announced yesterday by Governor Pierce. If any difficulty is found in keeping citizen volunteers in the posse after their enthusiasm has lagged, militia will be called to take their place, he declared. The announcement was made in a seven-hour tour which he made and which began shortly after 10 o'clock in the morning taking him through the entire district under guard.

"I believe that the men are still hiding somewhere in the region that is being watched, but I do not believe we will get them until they come out of hiding for food," the governor declared after his return to the prison. "That I believe will be sometime within the next two days for the men will get sick eating only berries and raw fruits and vegetables and will have to have more substantial food."

Situation Unchanged. The situation this morning was substantially the same as it has remained since Wednesday night. Reports and rumors came in at periodic intervals during Saturday night and Sunday but investigation failed to substantiate the value of any one of them.

Seven hours of careful search through Mystery ravine where the convicts were first thought to be hiding established fairly definitely that the men were not there.

Gov. Pierce will not begin his investigation into the circumstances involved in the break at the Oregon state prison here last Wednesday when two guards and one convict were killed until the inquiry by District Attorney John H. Carson and Coroner Lloyd Riggs is complete, the governor announced this morning. The coroner's inquest which will go into full details of the sensational break is expected to consume at least three or four days.

"I am undecided whether I will make the entire investigation myself or appoint a committee to work with me," the governor declared this morning.

Probe of Prison Battle and Escape To Place Blame

Attention of the coroner's jury hearing the evidence relative to the prison delivery at the penitentiary last Wednesday evening, which resulted in the killing of two guards and one convict and set three other armed prisoners free, while being focused upon the causes contributing and making possible the break when the deliberations are resumed this afternoon, according to District Attorney John Carson.

The witnesses to be summoned to be summoned to testify this afternoon are Robert Crawford, superintendent of the flax plant at the prison; Pete White, a guard who says that he held Kelly and Wilcox at bay for a few moments when they dropped to the ground although he was unarmed; John Davison, the guard who shot "Oregon" Jones; James R. Carey, chapel guard at the time of the escape, and J. S. Murray, book-keeper at the prison.

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4 MEN TAKE MONITOR CAR EARLY TODAY

Think Murray Forced Three Boys To Accompany Him In Stolen Auto.

A Mitchell touring car, license number 173-732, was stolen from the streets of Monitor, 7 miles north of Silverton, between 1 and 2:30 o'clock this morning, according to word received shortly after noon at the prison.

The report said that the car had been taken by four men, but no evidence was given to explain how this information was secured.

The car was a 1918 model and was owned by Lawrence Jacobsen, a farmer living two miles from Monitor.

This clue bears out the theory of prison authorities that the fugitives would be in hiding until they had a good opportunity and then steal an automobile and make a dash to get out of the country being scoured by the posse.

It also lends weight to the report of John Diehl, the farmer who reported he found one of his cows milked dry Saturday morning, as the Diehl farm is in the logical path the convicts would take to get from the point where they were last seen to Monitor.

The report that the car was stolen by four men gives rise to the belief that Tom Kelly, cousin of Ellsworth Kelly, who left his employment as a taxi driver in Portland after drawing \$25 of his wages and telling his employers that he was going to Turner, where his mother was very sick, may have succeeded in joining forces with the fugitives.

Kelly later wrote to his employers asking that the remainder of the pay due him, together with his keys, be forwarded to The Dalles.

He left Portland Thursday (Continued on Page Five)

LOVE TRIANGLE CAUSES MURDER OF A NEIGHBOR

Portland, Or., Aug. 17.—LeRoy A. Hansen, formerly a special police officer here, today was charged with murder, following the fatal shooting last night of James O'Day. Hansen told police he shot O'Day because O'Day was paying too much attention to Mrs. Hansen.

The shooting occurred in O'Day's apartment. The story told to officers today related that during the evening Hansen told his wife he was going downtown, but instead loitered about the outside of the house, which was occupied by both O'Day and the Hansen family. Shortly afterward, Mrs. Hansen said, O'Day called to borrow her electric iron and returned to his room, returning a few minutes later to have her show him how it worked. She said she returned with him to his room and told him how to operate the iron, then went to her own room.

Mrs. Hansen said O'Day invited her to accompany him to a show but that she refused. James Elliott, a friend of O'Day, Mrs. Hansen related, shortly afterward returned the iron.

Hansen then entered and fired at Elliott, who fled to O'Day's room unharmed. Elliott dodged out a doorway. A single shot was then heard in O'Day's room, Mrs. Hansen said, and she heard O'Day groaning. He died after being rushed to the emergency hospital.

O'Day wife is visiting in Bend. Canadian Train Wreck. Calgary, Alberta, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Kootenay-Lethbridge local passenger train on the Canadian Pacific railway was wrecked today at Cowley, Alberta. First reports stated three were dead and several injured.

JAPAN IS SWEEPED BY RAINSTORM; BIG DAMAGE DONE

Tokyo, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A violent rainstorm flooded various parts of Japan today. Several persons were drowned. Damage is estimated at between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000.

The coasts of Japan are particularly liable to damage by typhoons at this season when storms of this type, great circular winds, have their inception in the equatorial Pacific, sweep up the shore of Asia, leaving millions of dollars in their wake. The most destructive of recent far eastern typhoons was that of August 1919 which ravaged Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Medford, Aug. 17.—That national guard troops may be called off from the convict hunt was intimated by Brigadier General White Saturday when he left for Salem after spending two weeks vacation at Diamond Lake recuperating from a recent illness, and catching the limit in trout.

"The national guard," said General White, "are not state militia and according to the law as I understand it, can not be used to hunt down criminals. I will investigate the matter thoroughly upon my return to Salem."

Paris, Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—A wild leopard, hidden in the Bois Du Boule, kept relays of police and animal keepers yesterday feverishly beating the 2000-acre park in the hope of capturing the beast before he got hungry enough to attack humans. Thousands of persons pestered today in the park. The animal had not been captured last night.

The leopard, recently arrived from Abyssinia, displaced the bar over the feeding slot of its cage in the zoological garden last night and jumped through a window. People were warned to keep out of dark spots as the habit of the leopard is to lay away in the daytime and hunt food at night.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 17.—Automobile accidents in the Puget Sound country killed two persons yesterday. Charles Edward Fowler 21 of Seattle met death near Tacoma when a roadster in which he was riding with four others skidded on a curve and left the road. Miss Lenora Dugan, Seattle who was sitting on his lap, was slightly hurt.

Mary Healy, 10, Everett, died when her father turned their car into the ditch to avoid a collision.

Mrs. Morgan Buried. Locust Valley, N. Y., Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—The secluded cemetery here today will receive the body of Mrs. J. P. Morgan, wife of the financier, who died Friday of a sudden heart attack, the outcome of a protracted illness of sleeping sickness.

Lynchings in Missouri. Liberty, Mo., Aug. 17.—(A. P.)—A special grand jury was impaneled here today to investigate the lynching at Excelsior Springs recently of Walter Mitchell, negro, who attacked a young white girl.

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