

MONITOR BOYS RELATE STORY OF KIDNAPING

Monitor, Aug. 15.—How they were snatched from a friendly game of cards in the back room of a pool hall to become leading players in the melodramatic dash for freedom of the three convicts who shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary last Wednesday was related here last night on the return of Leo Wilde, Otto Lucht, Lawrence Jacobs and Joseph Liechte, who were kidnaped from Monitor Sunday night.

Wilde, who was carried as a hostage as far as Portland by the desperadoes, told the story to Deputy Warden Lilley.

"The four of us were sitting in the poolroom playing cards," Wilde said. "A fifth had just left. We heard somebody come in. Then someone came around the partition, covered us with a pistol and introduced himself by saying: 'Now just sit still, boys, keep your hands in the air and you won't get hurt.' The other two then came in and they searched us, finding no guns.

"They then gathered up some canned goods, took several dollars, out of the till, leaving several dollars, says they 'just wanted some change.' Then they took us outside, got us all into Lawrence Jacobs' Mitchell automobile and we started off down the Pacific highway."

"All went well, according to the story, until they were on the outskirts of Canby. Here the car ran out of gasoline and one of the boys was forced to walk to a garage at Canby and get some.

"When the gasoline was poured into the tank the auto wouldn't start," Wilde continued. "They became angry and accused us boys of doing something to the car. Finally it got to working, however, and drove on down the Pacific highway toward New Era.

"About 5 o'clock Monday morning we pulled up to C. L. Newman's ranch, which lies a little off the highway on an alder road. The occupants of the house were asleep and our kidnapers awoke them, pushed their way into the house and searched members of the family for guns, but found none. They told the Newmans they would not be harmed so long as they did what they were told. Murray apparently was the leader. He was giving most of the instructions yesterday. The convict trio spent the day shaving and cleaning up, rustling food and getting clothes. Except for a few scratches and burns on the hands from sliding down the ropes at the penitentiary none of them had any particular wounds. Murray certainly was not seriously hurt.

"About 7:30 p. m. they began getting ready to leave the ranch," Wilde went on. "They decided to take Leslie Newman, 17 year old son of the owner of the ranch, and myself. Young Newman did the driving and we proceeded to Portland. Murray told Newman not to speed at any time so as to attract attention. Before we left the ranch Murray told the others: 'These boys will be allowed to live if you remain quiet and send in no alarms. We will leave them unharmed if you do this.'

"On the way to Portland we encountered four traffic officers. Each time we passed an officer there was a little tension but nothing happened. After we entered the city limits we passed several uniformed officers on the streets before arriving at Tenth and Washington.

"When they left us Murray said 'to go on and remember as little as possible and you'll come out all right.'

"When you get back to Monitor hang a curtain on the back window of that pool hall," Willes told us, "then we won't be able to watch you as we did this time."

Wilde, who is 25 years old, is an automobile salesman and lives at Monitor. He is unmarried. Jacobs, whose motor car the convicts commandeered, and Lucht, are young farmers living near Monitor. Liechte is employed in a pickle factory at Monitor. He is 24 years old and single.

CIRCUS LABORERS WELL CARED FOR

"The task of conducting a modern circus is largely a problem of labor," said one of the Ringling brothers recently, while discussing the various difficulties incidental to moving the big combined circus which is scheduled to exhibit here Saturday, August 23.

"The circus manager must maintain the best of working relations with his men, giving close attention to both their bodily and mental welfare. The accommodations must be the best or the efficiency of the force will decrease. The employer who tries to skimp in the matter of quarters or food for his men will find that their work will decrease 25 per cent in a month and by the end of the second month he will find himself with only a remnant of his crew. To prevent this occurrence we feed our workmen, who number approximately 300, three square meals a day. Our commissary has instructions to study the men and learn what they like best to eat. He buys what they like and plenty of it.

"We carry a physician and surgeon who attend to their ills, though, since the men work almost entirely in the open air, they have little need of medicine. We encourage sports and our laboring ranks this season number three baseball nines, a bowling team, tennis players and quite a few

ON THE AIR

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
(Pacific Time)

KGW, Portland, Ore., 491.5—6:57 P. M. Fred Frapp's orchestra from Portland hotel; intermission solos by Elizabeth McClung, soprano; 7:30-7:45, weather, police and market reports, news bulletins and baseball scores; 8-10, program by Western Auto Supply company; 10-11, concert by Sherman, Clay & Co., from Duo-Art studio.

KPO, San Francisco, Cal., 428.3—6:40 P. M., States Restaurant orchestra; 7-7:30, Rudy Seiger's Fairmont hotel orchestra; 8-9, program, Mrs. E. E. Young, director; 9-10, Goodrich Silvertown Cord orchestra; 10-11, Wildemar Lind and the States restaurant orchestra.

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal., 467—5:20-6 P. M., Examiner's matinee musicals; 6, McDaniel's nightly doings; 6:45, radiotelephone story; 7:20, talk; 7:30, half-hour of dance music; 8-9, program, Ventura Refining company; 9-10, Examiner, Wampus movie program, Wampus March dance orchestra, Betty Patrick, soloist.

clever wrestlers and fencers. We also have several bands and orchestras besides those which appear on the main-tent program. And let it be distinctly understood that every man traveling with our circus has a sleeping berth on our train. I know there is a popular belief that the circus laborer bunka on the tops of wagons and goodness knows where. That's pure bunk. I sometimes think that this impression is due to the fact that scores of the laboring men are seen fully dressed and perched on the tops of vans, etc., when the circus trains arrive in the railroad yards. But it should be remembered that these men are required for instant work the moment the trains come to a standstill, and in view of this, have been roused by their respective bosses from their quarters a full half hour before. To suppose that they had been in a real bed would be similar to arguing that the passengers on a crack Pullman flyer had sat up all night merely because they are ready to be handed down by the car porter when their train arrives at a station.

"If the circus laborer is at times carelessly dressed, it doesn't follow that he has no other wardrobe. Bear in mind that the great majority of people who travel on trains wear their best bib and tucker. That is, all but the fireman and engineer. They are the workers. And the laborer with a big circus is a worker, too. He is of the class who work deep down in mines, or build great railroads. He or they can't wear boiled shirts and don't unless it be no Sunday afternoon or evening, when the circus never exhibits, thus allowing the workers a weekly holiday."

The 1925 edition of the great-out show on earth requires more laborers than ever before. There are many added features. One of the biggest of these is the equine ballet, numbering 150 horses in the "favourite of the parade." This is entirely apart from the performing horses that are presented later in the program in the three rings and in two added rings placed upon steel-structured stages.

English cities are considering solving the automobile parking problem by constructing underground garages in their open spaces.

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2 RESTAURANTS TERMED UNFAIR DENY CHARGES

A controversy between local labor representatives and proprietors of two Salem restaurants, the Argo and the Home, came to a head yesterday with the announcement by labor union officials that the two eating places have been placed on the unfair list. Parties to meet the union wage scale was declared to be the reason for their action.

Waitresses, they declare, receive \$11 and \$12 a week at the Home and Argo, the union wage for waitresses being \$16 per week.

In defense of his scale John Loper, proprietor of the Argo restaurant, declares that he is "paying better in the kitchen than their wage scale, and equal in the dining room." While the statistics announced by the union are correct, Loper states, they fail to mention that his waitresses "only work about 6 or 6 1/2 hours a day," as compared to a straight 8 hour shift in other eating places. Loper declares that waitresses in his establishment go to work at about 11:30 in the morning, work until about 2:30, then go to work again at 5:20 and continue until 7:45. A few extras here and there bring the total average up to not more than 6 1/2 hours daily, he says.

Richard O'Leary, proprietor of the Home restaurant, was out of the city on a short vacation and could not be reached.

Loper insists that his kitchen help is better paid on the average than the union scale, ranging from \$15 a week to \$20 a week for help. He also states that his waitresses get their meals free of charge, an item not entered into the estimates.

Also, he says, he does not want to be forced to get his help entirely from the personnel of the culinary workers union, which would be the case if he complied with labor regulations. "I want to select my own waitresses, rather than being forced to get them through the union. The union is not large enough to give me a wide enough choice. I told them all that when they came to see me about it, and explained that I wasn't trying to buck them."

S. H. Davidson, business agent for the Salem Trades and Labor council, this morning denied that waitresses in the Argo and Home restaurants work fewer hours than union workers.

"They have to work 12 hours to get in an 8 hour day," he said. "They work three broken shifts. While they aren't waiting on table they have to keep busy with their laundry or something else."

Loper declares that only a small

proportion of his waitresses have to appear for breakfast at all, and the few who do are excused from other work, making the total time put in not more than 6 1/2 hours daily.

Davidson this morning produced statistics showing that the lowest possible scale for kitchen workers, class C for helpers, is \$15 a week, although he stated that other classifications go much higher. In the local restaurants, he said, members of the families of the proprietors had charge of the kitchens and no attempt was being made to force union conditions upon them.

GLOVERDALE DEFEATS RICKEY WILDCATS

In a hard fought game that was not definitely decided until the last out was made, the Cloverdale baseball nine defeated the Rickey Wildcats on the high school grounds Sunday afternoon by a score of 5 to 3. Libby was the fielding star of the game, coming up with several sensational stops. Both hurlers pitched excellent ball but five errors by the Wildcat cost them the victory.

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STEGHER DEFEATS CASTANO

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 18.—(A. P.)—Joe Stegher, Nebraska wrestler, last night defeated Andres Castano of Spain with one fall, by a body scissors hold, in



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two hours' of wrestling. The fall came at the end of an hour and 23 minutes.

SUPPLIES LEFT BY ARCTIC PLANES

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Additional supplies were deposited at an intermediate base on Ellmore island yesterday by two airplanes of the MacMillan Arctic expedition in a flight from Etah, Greenland the main base.

The supplies were placed at Sawyer bay, a little more than 100 miles from Etah, and just north of Flagler fjord.

One of the planes in a flight as far as Cannon fjord, on the west coast of Ellmore island, northeast of Avelinberg island, passed over high mountains, valleys and a frozen lake which are not noted on any maps.

DATE SET FOR TRIALS OF OIL WELL SWINDLERS

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 18.—Trials of 24 Chicago men, alleged accomplices in what is said to have been one of the largest oil stock swindles in history have been set for September 21 in federal court in Dallas. G. B. Johnson, postoffice inspector, announced here yesterday on his return from Chicago. All are under indictment for using the mails to defraud.

The principals in the same case, Gordon Ingalls, Robert E. Ingalls and Richard Raider have all been tried and convicted in connection with the sale of stock in the Richard Raider's mineral deed syndicate.

THREAT AUTHOR RELEASED

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 18.—

Will K. Reemo, local prohibition crusader, charged with writing threatening letter to Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, was released from jail today on bond of \$7500. H. P. Paris of Clinton, Mo., prohibition party presidential candidate in the last election, was one of the four signers of the bond.

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