

SEVEN SOLDIERS KILLED BY BURSTING GUN

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SECOND PRISON PROBE OPENS

IMPERFECT SHELL CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Bursting of Howitzer Kills Seven and Injures 20 to 30 at Camp Grant, Illinois.

Rockford, Ill., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Six soldiers are reported dead, one died later, and between 20 and 30 injured, many seriously, by the bursting of a howitzer in the Eighth infantry (negro) regiment area at Camp Grant this afternoon.

The identified dead: Captain Ocella Browning, commanding the howitzer company, eighth infantry. Corporal Henry Williams. Private Ben Anderson, Herbert Durant and Delmas Campbell, all of Chicago.

Unconfirmed rumors place the total death list as high as 14. Fifteen of the injured men have already been removed to Rockford hospital.

The accident occurred just as the men were completing their morning's firing on the Camp Grant range. A defective shell is blamed for the tragedy.

Charlie Wright, negro, Chicago, one of the injured, died soon after he was taken to a hospital, increasing the known death list to seven.

BUSINESS MAN CONFESSES TO BANK ROBBERY

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Fred Nichol, Dayton manufacturer, was arrested by detectives today, and is said to have admitted to them that he is the blue masked, blue robed phantom bandit who on August 14 held up and robbed employees of the North Dayton branch of the Dayton Savings Bank and Trust company, escaping with \$28,000, police announced this morning.

Nichol is president of a local manufacturing concern bearing his name. He told detectives that he had turned robber because of financial difficulties. He said he was compelled to raise money; that he conceived the idea of robbing the bank and purchased the blue material of which his robe and mask were made and the gray kid gloves which concealed his hands.

The crew which led to Nichol's arrest was the presence of his adopted daughter, Miss Helen Sammet, an employee of the bank, at the time of the holdup. Methods employed by the robber were so weird that until the detectives started investigating the Nichol crew they had no formation of which to base their investigations.

Mrs. Nichol had no intimation that her husband was under surveillance until Inspector Yendow and the detectives searched the Nichol home today and found the hidden money. The loot was concealed in Nichol's bedroom.

He took only bills of high denominations.

COUPLE FOUND SLAIN IN AUTO BY ROAD

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—The bodies of Clarence Yager, 30, and Mrs. Lawrence Yager, both of Hastings, were found huddled down in an automobile about one mile east of here this morning. County Attorney Walter M. Crow said he was convinced they were shot to death.

STAR RUTH BREAKS WORLD PACING RECORD

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Star Ruth broke the world's record for seven-eighths of a mile in 1:45.3. This lowers the time of 1:46.8 held jointly by Brook Volo and Miss Clair Moko.

TWO CONVICTS MAY ESCAPE FROM NOOSE

Murray Liable To Swing, But Conspiracy to Kill Must Be Established Against Other Two.

By Harry N. Crain
Last week it was, "will they get them?" Today comment and speculation of the public regarding Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, the convicts who shot and killed two guards in their dash for liberty over the walls of the state penitentiary and who are now awaiting trial in three death cells at the prison, concerns the fate of the three desperadoes.

"Will they hang?" is the all-absorbing query today.

It is no established fact that all will hang.

Hanging in Oregon necessitates a jury finding of guilt to the charge of first degree murder, and then it can be sidetracked for life imprisonment by recommendation of the jury, or by intervention of the governor. The governor has already publicly stated that he will not intervene.

Murray Likely To Swing

Murray, leader of the trio, can hardly escape "stretching the hemp," as he expresses it, in the opinion of attorneys and others who are familiar with all of the angles of the escape and the evidence against him.

Murray has admitted on at least three occasions that it was he who killed John Sweeney, and there has been ample circumstantial evidence uncovered to substantiate this allegation. Except that he may wish to stall for time in hopes of gaining an unguarded moment when he can attempt another break, or cheat the noose by taking his own life, it is entirely possible that Murray may plead guilty.

"They can hang me, but I am through doing time," is one of the statements he has made since his capture.

Kelley and Willos

But with Kelley and Willos it is different. Already they have set the wheels of the defense rolling with pleas that they did no killing and intended to do no killing. The plea for the prosecution is to establish by circumstantial evidence that one or both of them fired shots that resulted in the death of one of the guards, or to prove a conspiracy to kill existed between the three.

It is no capital offense to break from the prison, provided there is no killing, nor conspiracy to kill. The present case is not parallel to the murder of Sheriff Zil Taylor during a jail delivery at Pendleton, for which three men with their lives unless it can be established that Murray, Kelley, Willos

County Court Talks Of Oiling to Conserve Macadam Highways

Oiling macadam roads to conserve paving costs on county highways is a matter of keen interest in the minds of members of the Marion county court, in connection with the carrying out of the five-year highway program and Market Road Engineer Scott of the state highway commission personally walked on members of the court today extending an invitation to them to accompany him on a trip through eastern and central Oregon to view the results of oiling of macadam roads in those sections.

Engineer Scott has just returned from such a trip with members of the court for Washington county and the states that they expressed themselves as surprised and pleased with the results obtained in some of the western Oregon counties.

"Washington county has a problem largely similar to Marion county," stated Scott. "A rather

Let Cat Lick Your Bald Head and Grow Luxuriant Hair

New York, Aug. 24.—Licks by the tongue of a cat has grown hair upon the once bald pate of Rudolph Althaus, 60 year old retired drug gist of East Elmhurst, he says.

For years he applied various preparations designed to promote hair activity, but none worked. A few months ago his cat, Mike, started licking the shiny head when Althaus took his afternoon nap. Eventually he began to lick when Althaus was awake. Now his head is covered with a growth of hair of an inch long.

"If I were younger," Althaus says, "I would buy a tame lion and train him to do what Mike does."

WOMEN TRYING TO LURE WEALTHY COLLAR MAKER

New York, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—As the result of what he regards as attempts by women to lure him, and other plots, Max Phillips, wealthy collar manufacturer and polo player is being closely guarded on his 700 acre estate near Easton, N. J.

Eight armed detectives are on guard. Phillips carries a pistol. Watch dogs give warning if a stranger approaches.

Meanwhile three women, presumably detectives, and a male detective, are out on bail for being arrested on Phillips' complaint. The purpose of the plots, he says, is to weaken his control of the Phillips-Jones company, which makes Van Heusen collars. The hoarding has persisted for months at the instigation of a New York banker, he says.

The women were arrested on his estate Friday night after detectives in his employ had listened to his conversation with them by means of a telephone device. He says the women tried to lure him aboard a yacht and take a trip to New England with the intention of having him arrested for the violation of the Mann act.

VETERANS AND KNIGHTS CELEBRATE AT CHAMPOEG

A crowd of Spanish-American War veterans and members of the Knights of Columbus of Mt. Angel met at Champoeg, Sunday, for a picnic dinner and general celebration in commemoration of the services of the Spanish-American war veterans.

There were some 500 men, women and children at the gathering, which is an annual affair. Judge Peter H. D'Arcy of Salem and Major Horshikes, United States marshal, were the two main speakers of the occasion. Judge D'Arcy spoke on the subject, "Champoeg and the Early Settlers of the Oregon Country." Major Horshikes' subject dealt with the services of veterans of various wars.

WILLOS AND KELLEY FEAR HANGING NOW

Companions of Murray In Prison Break Nervous And Anxious To Deny Part In Killings.

There is a striking contrast in the demeanor of the three slayer convicts, Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, who shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary on the evening of August 12 and who were returned to the prison Saturday and Sunday.

His capture without the firing of a shot, and the two nights and days he has spent in solitary confinement in a death cell since his return to the big house have done nothing to break the spirit of Murray and, prison officials said this morning, he is apparently resigned to the fact that he will likely hang for the slaying of John Sweeney and Milt Holman, guards. Murray has not yet displayed even a trace of nervousness, say the guards who have watched over him constantly since his return.

Pleads Innocence
Not so with Willos and Kelley, particularly the latter, who has

FIND HAITIAN MINISTER DEAD MONTREAL HOTEL

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Arthur Bally-Blanchard, United States minister to Haiti since 1914, was found dead in his bedroom at the Mount Royal hotel early today.

Mr. Bally-Blanchard arrived in Montreal August 19, but his presence here and been unknown to the American consulate. He registered as from Rochester, N. Y., although his home was in New Orleans, La. His baggage bore Washington, D. C., labels.

A night watchman discovered the body. The coroner's inquest this morning resulted in a verdict of death by natural causes.

Mr. Bally-Blanchard was born at New Orleans October 1, 1855, and had been connected with the diplomatic service of the United States since 1885, when he became private secretary of the minister to France. During his 40 years of service he held several posts of responsibility, having been charge d'affaires at both Paris and Tokyo previous to his appointment as minister to Haiti in May, 1914. In 1912 when he was secretary of the American embassy at Paris where he had previously been charge d'affaires. Mr. Bally-Blanchard was transferred to the embassy at Tokyo and this transfer was said to have been the real reason for the resignation of Robert Bacon, then ambassador to France. Shortly after his arrival at Tokyo, Mr. Bally-Blanchard became charge d'affaires and represented the United States at the Japanese capital during the difficult period of the exchanges regarding the California anti-alien legislation.

PAROLE VIOLATOR GIVES HIMSELF UP

Edward Williams, 27, who declares that he is a parole violator from Newark, N. J., walked into local police headquarters Sunday night and gave himself up declaring that he had been converted to religious faith and wished to be returned to clear his name. According to his story to police he was arrested at Newark on a charge of non-support, but was released on the promise that he would pay his wife \$25 a month and would not leave the state.

Police of Newark were notified by telephone last night. Pending their reply Williams will be held in the city jail. He has agreed to waive extradition.

He was introduced at headquarters by a captain of the Salvation Army.

CURBED, BUT NOT BROKEN



Tom Murray, snapped as he was ascending the steps to the warden's office upon his return to the prison Saturday. Murray is seen smiling up at a girl in the woman's ward who called: "Stay with it, kiddo, don't give up." "Alright girly, I won't," Murray called back.

DAWES TO VISIT COAST; SPEAKS PORTLAND SEPT. 8

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Vice-President Charles G. Dawes will attend the diamond jubilee on September 9 of the admission of California to statehood, and will discuss his advocacy of revision of the senate rules in several addresses on the Pacific coast early next month.

Arrangements for General Dawes' visit to the Pacific coast were definitely completed today. He had been planning such a trip for some time, in response to invitations from friends on the coast. His schedule provides for a stay of from September 5 to September 12. His visits have been arranged as follows:

September 5—Seattle, speaks at night.

Kelley and Willos Talk Freely About Break From Prison

The silence of Tom Murray, returned fugitive from the penitentiary, as to details of the flight of himself and his two pals was in strong contrast to the eagerness of Ellsworth Kelley and James Willos, his partners, who were captured near Goldendale, Wash., late Saturday afternoon.

Both Kelley and Willos talked freely of their break, and both appeared anxious to minimize their part in the killing of the two guards, whereas Murray frankly admitted killing John Sweeney, and appears resigned to his fate.

"We spent the first night out near Pratum, as the papers stated," said Kelley.

"We got on our cold trail once. We best it on around Silverton way, but had to keep moving to keep under cover. For three or four days we were within a three or four-mile radius of Silverton. Then we went on the Monitor,

TWO JAPANESE AIRPLANES WELCOMED TO MOSCOW

Moscow, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Two Japanese airplanes on a flight from Tokyo to London, arrived at Moscow yesterday. The soviet officials extended a warm welcome to the airmen. The flight which began on July 25 is the first of the kind ever attempted by Japanese.

The long delay was caused by bad weather but the actual flying time was 62 hours between Tokyo and Moscow, a distance of approximately 5300 miles.

MRS. BRYAN FAVORABLE TO MEMORIAL PLANS

Miami, Fla., Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—Mrs. William Jennings Bryan announced today she would give immediate consideration to the Philadelphia Record's proposal for a national memorial to Mr. Bryan.

Her secretary said she had not learned of the project until today when a newspaper informed her. She indicated that a definite announcement might be made during the day.

8 CENT FARE ON TROLLEYS REASONABLE

The complaint of the Housewives Council of Portland, attacking the reasonableness of existing street railway fares of the Portland Electric Power company, was dismissed in an order of the public service commission Saturday. The order was accompanied by an elaborate analysis of the testimony introduced at the hearing on Portland, June 23 and 24.

"We are unable to find any evidence to support the allegation of the complainant; that the management of the defendant utility is extravagant or inefficient," declares the finding of the commission. "An analysis has been made of the street railway service in Portland, and the following tabulation shows the allocation of the cost of service to each average revenue passenger carried during the year of 1924:

Maintenance of way and structures, .62 of a cent; maintenance of equipment, .59; wages of motormen and conductors, 2.75; wages of carhouse employees, .19; superintendence of transportation, .19; other transportation expenses, .17; power, .19; traffic, .63; wages of general officers, .65.

7 HANGED FOR KILLING SIRDAR

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 24.—(A. P.)—The seven men principally concerned in the assassination of Sir Lee Stack, sirdar of the Egyptian army and governor general of the Sudan, have paid the extreme penalty for their act, which caused such a sensation last November and which had such far-reaching political consequences.

They were sent to the scaffold yesterday and were hanged at 40-minute intervals, the hoisting of a black flag each time notifying the crowds outside the prison walls that the trap had fallen.

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

Entire Day Spent At Prison Inspecting Plant And Interviewing Employees and Prisoners.

Colonel C. G. Thomson, manager of Crater Lake national park, named by Governor Pierce on his committee to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary, this afternoon announced that he had declined to serve on the commission. Colonel Thomson had nothing to say regarding his refusal to serve.

Jefferson Myers, one of the other two members of the committee, when interviewed, over the telephone from the penitentiary this afternoon, said that the committee would continue with its investigation even though Colonel Thomson had declined to serve.

The full and complete investigation of conditions at the Oregon state prison promised by Governor Pierce with the appointment of Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent of Crater Lake national park; Brigadier General George A. White, adjutant of the Oregon national guard, and Jefferson Myers, former state treasurer by appointment of the governor, started here this morning. The inquiry was occasioned by the recent prison break.

Stating that no limitations had been placed upon them by the governor members of the investigating committee this morning said that their probe would be all-embracing in its scope, and would extend into contributing causes of the break as well as general conditions. They intimated that recommendations for alterations and improvement at the prison will be contained in their report.

The committee spent the entire day at the prison inspecting the plant and interviewing employees and prisoners. They said they had no idea how long it would take them to complete their work.

Warden Dalrymple has announced that work will begin the near future on the construction of a guard tower over the front gate, in which will be housed the prison arsenal. The tower will command a full view of the front of the prison and a guard stationed in that position would have been able to head off both of the sensational escapes in which Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and Bert "Oregon"

LINVILLE SURE OF SOME JOB

Portland, Or., Aug. 24.—Dr. J. A. Linville, federal prohibition director for Oregon, on his arrival today from Washington, D. C., announced that he had been offered the position of first assistant federal prohibition director for the new twentieth district and the alternative of continuance in the service in Portland.

Linville said definite announcement of appointment would not be made from Washington before Wednesday.

A Seattle dispatch late Saturday carried a prediction from a political writer close to Senator Jones, Washington that Frederick A. Hazeltine, out going director would become assistant director in charge of enforcement and that Linville would become assistant in charge of permits.

Roy C. Lyle assumes the directorship of district 23 September 1 under a nation wide reorganization by the treasury department.

HELEN WILLS CHAMPION

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Miss Helen Wills won the national women's tennis title for the third successive year when she conquered Miss Cathleen McKane of England today in a thrilling three set match 6-0, 8-0, 6-2.