

# TWINS CONFESS, GET LIFE

## HUNGER MAY BREAK MINE MUTINY HOPE

**Wives Of 14 Imprisoned  
Guardmen May Converse  
Today With Their Hus-  
bands—Authorities Talk  
With Insurgents Over  
Telephone.**

LANING, Kan., June 22.—(AP)—For the first time since they blockaded themselves at the bottom of a 725-foot mine shaft in the Kansas state penitentiary more than 30 hours ago, the 228 mutinous prisoners showed a desire to communicate with the prison authorities and late yesterday afternoon talked to prison guards over the mine telephone.

The insurgents, who are holding fourteen guards with them in their subterranean stronghold, declared that some of the guards wished to talk to their wives, who had been anxiously awaiting word as to their fate. Prison authorities are considering the advisability of allowing the guard's wives to attempt a conversation.

Because the engineers have had no food since their strike Tuesday noon, authorities believe that the men will soon come to terms, but when asked over the telephone what demands they wished to make, the convict spokesman declared "None." Authorities took the reply to indicate that the strikers have not agreed among themselves regarding what concessions they desire.

## MAD BULL IS FETED YOUTH

**Winner Of Marathon Run  
Sleeps Well After  
Grilling Race**

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 22.—(AP)—Feted on all sides, Mad Bull, winner of the 472-mile foot race from San Francisco to Grants Pass, is enjoying more acclaim and praise for a feat of peace than any of his Redskin ancestors ever received for bravery in battle.

The recipient of \$1,200 in prizes, Mad Bull also has made the center of adulation for the largest celebration Southern Oregon has witnessed in years.

This clean-limbed youth of 23, whose real name is John Wesley Southard, slept well into the morning after finishing the unparalleled contest at 12:16 a. m. Wednesday. He then breakfasted with Little Fawn, princess of Mad Bull's Karok tribe, and "queen" of the Redwood highway, later attending an enthusiastic dinner at which the money awards were made.

Shy and retiring, Mad Bull took his honors with the stoicism of his race.

## Talent Paces Indian Runners From California Border To End Of Run

C. P. Talent of this city, Lieutenant O. O. Nichols of Medford, and Don Hays, Grants Pass traffic officers, "paced" the Marathon runners from the California border to Grants Pass, from 9:15 a. m. Tuesday until Wednesday afternoon at 8:15 when Melika, 53-year old Mexican Zuni, reached the city, completing the 472 mile run.

Talent led the caravan, stopping every machine approaching the runner in order that they might

## POLICE SEEK AUTO THIEF

**"Who Stole The Car" Or  
Did Two Steal The Car,  
Is Big Question**

Police are seeking to unravel the mystery which surrounds the theft and selling of an old Hupmobile car owned by O. H. Robinson, employed at Prospect.

Robert Williams is held in the city jail, arrested by Night Policeman Charles Clause, and will probably be arraigned on charge of auto theft.

The car is missing.

According to police, Williams and Robinson, who were good friends, were employed at Prospect. Wednesday morning, they say, Williams stole a travelling bag owned by Robinson and containing all of the bill of sale and other documents of ownership connected with the Hupmobile. The car was held at the Third street garage in this city, where repair work and storage amounted to \$14.25. Williams showed the papers of ownership and, paid the bill and received the car. He said he parked it on the street in Ashland and was unable to locate it later.

The next seen of the car it was in the possession of G. J. Stammen of Mariposa, California, whose old 1918 model Chandler was turned in at the Rodday Garage wrecking yard here when two bearings were burned out. Stammen transferred the luggage in the Chandler to the Hupmobile. Garrett told the police.

He registered the car at Medford and at that time had all the papers in his possession.

Williams, police say, is believed to have sold the car to Stammen.

Meanwhile the car and Stammen are gone. Williams is held, and Robinson has no automobile.

## Victrola Is Presented To Playground

**J. E. Angwin has gone to Kla-  
derful magic lamp.**

Miss Fay Carver, playground supervisor wished for a victrola. In fact it was quite necessary that she secure a victrola if she were to conduct folk dance classes for a group of girls who are most anxious to do this work.

So she told her need in the Tidings office, and an appeal was put in the paper.

Wednesday morning a playground friend called and said it was with pleasure he would donate his victrola for playground use.

Now we need more baseball bats.

Philip C. Hall of the Matson Navigation Company will give a motion picture entertainment depicting a "Trip to Hawaii" with an interesting talk on the islands at the Kiwanis luncheon to be held Friday at the Lithia Springs Hotel.

## TAX CUT IS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

**Nuisance Taxes Should Be  
Cut, And Incomes Should  
Be Taxed Says Wm. S.  
Tilson, Republican Floor  
Leader On Visit To Sum-  
mer White House.**

RAPID CITY, S. D., June 22.—(AP)—The tax cut next December must be held within \$300,000,000, Representative William S. Tilson, Republican floor leader of the house, declared Wednesday upon his arrival at the summer White House to see President Coolidge.

Tilson declared no permanent flood control legislation could be enacted at the next session and that therefore there is no reason why congress should be called early.

The tax reduction plan announced by Tilson here closely coincides with suggestions made by Senator David A. Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, a close friend of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and revealed unanimity of opinion of Republican leaders as to just how taxes should be reduced.

First the corporation tax should be cut from 15 1/2 per cent to at least 12 per cent, he said. Most nuisance taxes, including taxes on those on admissions and dues, should be repealed outright. The lower normal taxes on small incomes are so small now that they need not be reduced, he maintained, and he saw no reason for reductions on the intermediate incomes between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

## Ships Crash In Dense Fog

TRURO, Mass., June 22.—(AP)—The Clyde line freighter, "Osark" rammed and sunk the steam trawler "Surge" in a dense fog about five miles off Truro early this morning. Nineteen members of the "Surge" crew were rescued by the Osark crew. Three seamen are reported missing.

With a gaping hole in the box, the Osark went aground. The calm sea which prevailed probably prevented large loss of life.

## U. O. To Be Represented

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, June 22.—(Special)—Three members of the faculty will represent the University of Oregon at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be conducted at Reno, Nevada, June 22 to 24. They are Dr. W. P. Boynton, head of the physics department, Dr. H. G. Tanner, professor of chemistry, and Dr. A. E. Caswell professor of physics. The last-named will read a paper on the election theory of metals, of which he has made an exhaustive study.

CLUBS MEAN LUCK

BALTIMORE, Md., June 22.—(AP)—Richard Lambeth, 59, was found dead with a bullet wound in his head and a pistol in his hand at his home in Fairfield. Beside him was an ace of clubs on which he has made an exhaustive study.

"Goodbye. Clubs mean good luck."



Ray D'Autremont (circle) and Roy D'Autremont who this morning confessed to participation in the dynamiting of the mail train at Tunnel 13 in the Siskiyou mountains on October 11, 1923, and were immediately with their younger brother, Hugh, sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oregon State Penitentiary at Salem. The brothers were captured in Strasburg, Ohio, June 8, after a four year search by postal inspectors. These pictures of the twins and Mrs. Ray D'Autremont were taken immediately after the arrest.

## Interview, Confession

"When we saw the mail car all blown to pieces, and realized that we would not be able to get even a postage stamp and with two dead men already on our hands—not knowing about the mail clerk—Roy yelled to me to shoot everybody and run," Hugh calmly told the Tidings reporter following the confession and sentencing.

"I shot him with a 45 and we fled to a cache which we had prepared," Hugh continued.

Thus, he esided a description of the most heinous crime which has ever been committed in this country, freely admitting the dynamiting and shooting of the four employees of Train No. 13 in the Siskiyou mountains October 11, 1923.

"We went to Mountcrest cabin the day before the crime, coming from Camp 2 and made everything ready for the holdup. We had intended to hold up the Shasta limited, but decided No. 13 was carrying the money, so changed our plans, they stated.

"Ray was at the East Portal when the train entered the tunnel. Roy and I brought the train to a full stop at the spot we had decided upon. I held the fireman and engineer in the cab. Roy and Ray went toward the mail car, the door of which was open. The clerk, when he saw them coming, slammed the door and would not open when we threatened to blow-up the car unless he did," Hugh stated.

"Then we blew it to hell. We didn't intend to use so much powder. Don't know which one pushed the plunger in the battery—Ray or Roy, but what does it matter? I held the engineer in the cab, while one of the other boys took the fireman to uncouple the mail car," Hugh continued.

"I told the engineer to pull out. He said he couldn't. Then I took the engineer down to talk to Ray and Roy. While we were standing there, we saw somebody coming from the right side of the train. It was Johnson, and two of us shot him while he was standing, not while crouching," Hugh continued.

"I took the engineer back and told him to pull out or die. He had the engine machinery placed at a full stop, although we did not know it. I shot him with a 45 automatic," Hugh confessed.

"Then Ray or Roy shot Song, knowing the game was all against us, and we fled into the mountain fast-ness."

"The smoke and steam and confusion in that tunnel after the explosion was so bad that we did not know what we were doing," one of the boys said.

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## HYATT DAM IDEAL SPOT

**July Fourth Celebration To  
Have Earmarks Of 20  
Years Ago**

"We want to make the July Fourth celebration a real old-fashioned community affair and the hearty response we have received makes it seem certain that our plans in the matter will not go awry," says Secretary J. H. Fuller of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Hyatt Dam site is an ideal location for the affair, and those who have visited the place this spring says that no more desirable location for a real old-time, get-together independence day picnic could have been selected.

There will probably be a big display of fireworks to end the day and plenty of entertainment of a carefree sort for those who enjoy it throughout the entire day.

The Talent Irrigation District folks are extending the right sort of cooperation and will assist in making the Hyatt celebration one which will be worthwhile.

## BOYS HAD A GREAT TIME

**"The Finest Short Camp I  
Have Ever Seen"  
Says Sec. Walters**

It was a happy, tired, but satisfied group of boys who returned from the Y. M. C. A. Younger Boy's three day camp Wednesday evening, after spending the three days at Wagner Gap.

They had a fine time, enjoying out door life to the fullest extent and W. P. Walters, Y. M. C. A. secretary, who supervised the camp said, "It was the finest short camp I have ever seen."

Those who were at the camp were: Hyer Putnam, Alex Gooding, Lawrence Good, Ernest Walhin, Edwin King, Hendrick Baughman, Howard Mayberry, Virgil Counter, Wilbur Hocking, Wilbur Shiffer, Meridith Durham, Charles Walter, Clyde Baker, and Geb Woodworth. The boys were accompanied by Raymond Stennett and Secretary Walters.

## U. S. COURT TO BE USED

**Judge Thomas Secures Per-  
mission From Federal  
Authorities**

Use of the U. S. court room in the federal building at Medford, for trying cases in circuit court of the county, during the time the Medford city hall is under construction has been granted by federal authorities according to announcement made by judge C. M. Thomas. The federal court room will be used until the new building is completed which will probably be some time in the early part of November.

Other county offices are to be located in the Armory at Medford, which is undergoing some remodeling to accommodate the new occupants.

Packing of equipment has already started at the oil court-house at Jacksonville, preparatory to the move which is to be made July 1 when Medford officially becomes the county seat of Jackson county.

## HOME FROM VACATION

J. E. Hoxie and family re-company in Medford, and her turned Wednesday from an auto picture was carried in a recent trip to their old home in the state of Washington. Mr. Hoxie is employed in maintenance work on the Pacific highway, a mem-won came about through her work with the approximately

# BROTHERS TO BE TAKEN TO SALEM AT 6:15 TONIGHT

**Written Statements Secured During Allnight Conference  
Of Postal Authorities And Officers With Twins—  
Jury Drawn And Sentence Passed At 10:45 This  
Morning—Brothers Much Depressed.**

The mystery of the Siskiyou holdup is at last cleared.

Roy and Ray D'Autremont after an all night conference with postal authorities last night, this morning signed written confessions concerning their part in the Siskiyou train dynamiting on October 11, 1923. Hugh also admitted his guilt.

Immediately after these confessions were signed they were taken into court, a jury impaneled, which returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree with a recommendation for mercy, which carried with it a sentence of life imprisonment. Postal Inspector Walter Riddiford asked for mercy for the brothers.

Judge C. M. Thomas immediately pronounced sentence on the three brothers—verdict of the jury making it mandatory that the sentence be life imprisonment without hope of pardon.

Sheriff Ralph Jennings will leave Medford at 6:15 o'clock this evening for Salem with the three brothers and they will start immediately upon serving their sentences.

Contents of the confession of the twins will not be given the press, according to Postal Inspector Walter Riddiford, who said this was one of the conditions on which the twins agreed to make a clean breast of the matter.

## MILLIONS OF HOPPERS DIE

**Strange War In Klamath  
County Sees Men Emerge  
Victorious**

Million and millions of dead grasshoppers, heaped up in small piles, jammed together under weeds and spread over barren ground tell the tale of the success of men in the battle which is being waged in the Tule lake basin near Klamath Falls.

The grasshopper pestilence is under control according to reports. Farmers have co-operated in the use of poison and systematic method of fighting the blight. Much of the wheat crop and rye crop has been saved.

## LINDY VISITS OHIO

DAYTON, Ohio., June 22.—(AP)—Colonel Chas Lindbergh, after spending the night here as a guest of Orville Wright, first famous flier left at 3:40 o'clock this morning for Washington, D. C.

## "Mother Of A Thousand Girls" Was Formerly A Resident Of Ashland

"The Mother of a Thousand Girls" is the title given Miss Ida Wightman, employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company of Portland.

Miss Wightman was a former Ashland girl. She was the main hostess at the formal opening of the beautiful new home of the

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Administration of the blind and disability benefits, which involves woman employees here, is handled by Miss Wightman. She is considered one of the most outstanding workers in the organization.