

## THREE GUARDS KILLED BY DESPERATE CONVICTS

### Outbreak of Prisoners at the Penitentiary at Salem Early This Morning.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, June 8.—The usually quiet city of Salem is in a fever of excitement today as the result of one of the most bloody jail breaks in the history of the West.

Poses of armed men are scouring the country in quest of two prisoners, who escaped from the State Penitentiary this morning, leaving behind them the dead bodies of three of the men charged with their custody.

At 7 o'clock this morning, when the prisoners were turned out to work, Harry Tracey, who was doing 20 years for train robbery, and Dave Merrill, sentenced to 12 years for the same crime, went to their work in the foundry as usual.

The guard in charge in the foundry was Frank Ferrell of Salem. While his back was turned the convicts secured revolvers from some hiding place, and without a word of warning stepped up behind him and blew his brains out. Ferrell fell dead, and his murderers at once made a break for the last wall of the penitentiary with a ladder they had picked up in the shop.

On reaching the wall they exchanged shots with Guards B. F. Tiffany and S. R. T. Jones, who were stationed there, and after shooting them down scaled the wall and started their dash for liberty,

taking with them the rifles of the men who had fallen victims to their murderous fury.

After leaving the prison, the convicts were last seen following up the course of Mill Creek, from where it is thought they have struck for the tall timber in the Waldo hills, their evident intention being to reach the mountains.

As soon as the remaining prisoners had been secured, a general alarm was given, and within a few minutes a posse of 50 men was upon the trail of the murderers, burning to avenge the wanton slaughter of the guards, and should the guilty men be overtaken, it is not unlikely that they will be brought back well weighted with lead, for threats of vengeance are being freely made by many of the people, who are stirred up in a way that has been seldom seen in Salem.

The way in which Tracey and Merrill first secured the guns with which Ferrell, the shop guard, was slaughtered was at first a mystery, but the fact that many of the excursionists who visited Salem yesterday went through the penitentiary lends color to the theory that it was by their means that the revolvers were secured in the foundry.

Just how Tracey and Merrill were informed of the location of the weapons is not known, but already detectives are at work on this phase of the case, and

there is but little doubt that the person or persons thus primarily responsible for the death of three innocent men will be brought to justice.

Guard Jones has several relatives in Portland. He was a brother-in-law of Sheriff Jack Hubbard of Spokane, who was killed in a similar manner several years ago. Hubbard had arrested outlaws wanted in Missouri and was on his way to Spokane with them in a carriage when some friend of the prisoners opened fire from behind, killing Hubbard and one of the prisoners.

Jones had resided at Hubbard Station, 18 miles from Salem, for years. The station takes its name from the family of Sheriff Hubbard. Jones leaves a wife and four children.

#### CONVICT SHOT.

SALEM, June 9 (11 a. m.).—At this hour the posse of men are hot on the track of the escaping convicts and may overtake them at any time, when it is expected a bloody battle will ensue.

When the first shot was fired at Guard Ferrell in the foundry shop, Ingram, a convict who is serving a life sentence for the murder of his brother in Linn County in 1891, attempted to wrest away the rifle with which Tracey fired the fatal shot, but was shot by Merrill in the leg, shattering the limb so badly that it has been amputated by the prison physician.

One of the rifles taken from the guards who were killed on the wall was thrown away by the escaping convicts when they discovered that it was empty.

The escaped prisoners are Harry Tracey, aged 37, serving 20 years from Multnomah County for assault and robbery, and David Merrill, serving 12 years for the same crime. Their prison numbers were, respectively, 4088 and 4089.

Tracey in particular is said to be a desperate character, he having killed an officer in Colorado some years ago. Both are hardened criminals, who will fight to the death before surrender.

#### DESPERATE MEN

### Tracey and Merrill Attempted Murder of Local Officers.

The killing of three guards at the Oregon penitentiary and the escape of the murderous convicts, Harry Tracey and Dave Merrill, created no little excitement about the Courthouse this morning when Sheriff Frazier received the news from Sheriff Durbin of Marion County.

The fatal onslaught upon the penitentiary guards recalled the daring attempt that the same two fugitives made to escape from the County Jail here previous to their commitment to the state institution. Merrill and Tracey had been tried and found guilty of burglary.

Jailer Dougherty and Deputy Sheriff Tom Jordan were in the act of removing the two prisoners from their cells to the courtroom above to receive sentence. The jailer preceded Jordan a little, and he had no sooner opened the cell door and admitted the men into the open cor-

ridor than Tracey quickly pulled a gun on Dougherty and fired. The bullet went high, as Dougherty fell quickly to his knees. Before Tracey could force Dougherty to give up the keys to the other doors, Tom Jordan covered him, and the desperado threw up his hands. The attempted outbreak cost Tracey dearly, as his sentence was increased to 20 years, while Merrill got off with 12.

Tracey had secured a revolver from his wife, who had secreted it in her dress. In speaking of Merrill and Tracey, and the likelihood of their capture this morning, Deputy Sheriff Matthews said:

"The men are desperate characters, and they will not likely be taken alive. They are the most dangerous men that the Multnomah County authorities have had to deal with—in fact, they are as bad as they make them."

Detective Dan Weiner, while arresting Merrill and Tracey, was shot at and had a narrow escape from being killed.

The men have a bad record, which extends back for a number of years. Merrill formerly served three years in the Oregon penitentiary for robbing a car in this city. After his release, he left the country and showed up again with Tracey, and the two started out on their career of crime.

They were sentenced to the penitentiary March 22, 1899.

A reward of \$1000 has been offered for the capture of the fugitives. It is said that this amount will be increased to \$2000 before the day is over. The reward is considered none too large, as the fugitives are both known to be dead shots. They are well armed, and are expected to fight for their lives, sparing no one in their effort to get out of the country.

It is expected by some that they will steal horses and make for Barlow Pass, going Eastward.

### DEWET'S MEN CHEER EDWARD

LONDON, June 8.—The following wire was received from Lord Kitchener today:  
"The surrenders of Boers on Saturday and Sunday number 2500, mostly De Wet's men."  
"Their cheers for the King of England were hearty."

#### FRUIT GROWERS

THE DAILIES, June 8.—The Dailies Fruit Growers Union held its first session at the court house in this city Saturday afternoon. Orchardists from all over this fruit belt were in attendance, and it was shown that one of the industrial institutions of which the commercial welfare of this section is most in need is a fruit cannery. Every year thousands of boxes of fruit and berries are left to rot in the fields, when the markets become glutted. Through the lack of a cannery, hundreds of dollars go to waste annually.

## TEDDY'S BIG SCHEME

### Roosevelt Trying to Settle the Coal Strike

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
NEW YORK, June 8.—Commissioner Wright refused to discuss the program mapped out by President Roosevelt for a settlement of the coal strike, but it is believed he will first see the presidents of the big coal roads, and after obtaining their views will see the strike leaders and finally report the result to President Roosevelt.

LATER—Wright said he was simply carrying out an organic law. The President suggested that he collect such information as he could relative to the controversy and report the facts to him. He said he might bring out some phase of the subject the newspapers had not gone into.

#### MITCHELL IS WILLING.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 8.—President Mitchell of the mine workers this morning received from United States Labor Commissioner Wright an invitation to meet him this evening in New York to discuss plans for a settlement of the coal strike.

Commissioned Wright has just returned to New York from Washington, where he had a long conference with President Roosevelt.

President Mitchell accepted the invitation, and left for New York at 11 o'clock this morning. He refused to discuss the proposed plan for settlement, and said

he was in ignorance of the nature of the peace proposition.

The news of the plan of settlement spread rapidly and caused great jubilation among the merchants and strikers.

#### THE NEXT BIG MOVE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 8.—All eyes are centered upon the railroad men today for the next big move in the strike if the conference between Wright and Mitchell fails to bear fruit.

During the week, it is said, the railroad men will hold meetings to decide upon their course with reference to hauling non-union men to and from the collieries, and it is not unlikely that they will follow the example of the employees of the Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill men, who declared on Sunday that hereafter they would refuse to handle trains upon which non-union men and special guards were being transported.

#### WILKESBARRE DUBIOUS.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 8.—Though the meeting between Wright and Mitchell is seized upon here as meaning peace those who have followed the situation closely find room for doubt that the conference will have any more significance than can be seen on the surface. The conference will without doubt result in meetings between Roosevelt, Hanna and Wright on Saturday.

## TO DESERT ST. PIERRE

### Trinite Will Be the New Center of Trade in Martinique.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
PORT DE FRANCE, June 8.—According to the Acting Governor of Martinique, Trinite will be the new commercial center of Martinique, taking the place of St. Pierre, which will remain in ruins.

The harbor will be improved and a railroad built to Port de France. Trinite has a population of 500 and lies in rich territory. It is located on the northeastern side of the island, almost directly east of St. Pierre. A large number of the refugees have been put to work on the streets of Trinite.

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, June 8.—A second ascent of Soufriere was made on Thursday by Professor Jagger, a Harvard geologist; Dr. Hovey, assistant curator of the museum of natural history, New York; and George Curtis. They reached the edge of the crater, 2300 feet above the sea. Nothing could be seen inside the crater but boiling noises were heard. The ascent occupied five hours.

#### TO JOURNAL READERS.

THE JOURNAL owes an apology to its readers this afternoon in not presenting them with the usual quantity and quality of reading matter. At one o'clock the electric motor that supplies the power for the typesetting machines broke down, and a new machine had to be installed. It took the electric company some hours to do the work and an incomplete paper is the result. Hereafter there will be no cause for similar complaint.

## FATAL FIRE IN CHICAGO

### Many Burned to Death in a Home for In- ebriates.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
CHICAGO, June 8.—A fire this afternoon in a seven-story building occupied by the St. Luke's Home for Inebriates resulted in the death of one man, probably six others and injury to at least ten. The fire spread with such rapidity that the escape of the inmates was cut off, and those who got out without injury were rescued after great difficulty. It is believed several perished in the flames.

Two dead have been found and more injured are being taken to the hospitals bringing the total to about 25. Many of them are in a serious condition. Among those whom it is believed perished in the flames is William Kent, Chicago's famous blind alderman, who was strapped to a cot when the flames broke out.

## APPOINTED BISHOP

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The location of the joint agency for the execution of excursion tickets has proved a great accommodation to the many visitors and delegates to the Travelers' Protective Association, and will prove the same to those of the A. O. U. W. and other conventions to be held here soon. It may be made permanent here, as in San Francisco and the Eastern cities. This is the first joint agency ever conducted here, previous excursions being handled by the various railroad lines in the city.

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