

AGAIN ELUDE POSSE

Convicts Hold Up Man at Needy —Capture Now Uncertain.

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)
MONITOR, June 12.—(11 p. m.)—Word was received at 1:30 o'clock that Tracy and Merrill were seen at Needy, six miles from here, just before noon. They escaped through the woods and lost no time in going toward the Clackamas foothills. While they were getting out of the creek bottom Sheriff Durbin and his posse were following up clues with a vain attempt to get the bloodhounds to take up the trail, but the morning was lost and nothing accomplished.

ESCAPE OF OUTLAWS

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)
GERVAIS, Ore., June 12.—(9 a. m.)—The hold convicts Tracy and Merrill have broken through the line of guards and eluded their pursuers. They escaped at 3 o'clock this morning, after the exchange of many shots.

Owing to the darkness and dense thick timber, it was impossible for the man hunters who surrounded the thicket on all sides to distinguish the fugitives from their own members, though one of the posse saw the men as they were making their way out of the woods.

The flight of the convicts was not definitely ascertained until this morning, when a telephone message was received from Monitor, a small place eight miles from Gervais, stating that Tracy and Merrill had been seen there, forcing a woman to give them breakfast, and disappearing toward the Butte creek, a rough section along the line of Marion and Clackamas Counties.

The members of the posse were charmed at the clever manner in which they had been outwitted, and immediately started in pursuit, headed by Sheriff Durbin of Marion County.

SEEN AT MONITOR

Fugitives Force Mrs. Aker to Prepare Breakfast for Them.

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)
MONITOR, Ore., June 12.—(10:30)—This village is excited this morning over the appearance of the outlaws, Tracy and Merrill, who escaped from the posse at Gervais during last night.

The men appeared at the farmhouse of Mr. Aker, near this place at 7 o'clock tired-out and almost dead for sleep.

Mr. Aker and the other men of the house had gone to the mill at 6 o'clock, so that Mrs. Aker and another woman, and Mrs. Aker's daughter were alone.

The convicts said good morning to the women and asked for breakfast. They appeared at the kitchen door, both carrying rifles. The women were unacquainted with the faces of their escapee from the penitentiary, but were informed of it by the fugitives, who admonished Mrs. Aker to make no noise and to say nothing after they were gone.

She placed breakfast before them and Merrill, in cutting a loaf of bread, used his left hand, indicating that he was wounded. They asked for milk and Mrs. Aker was followed to the cooking house by Tracy, who carried his rifle and scanned the country with his furtive eye. They chatted with the women while eating and told them of their escape from the posse and also said that they would never be taken alive.

They remained for fifteen minutes, and on leaving the house went towards the woods of Butte Creek. They left behind them the old oilskin hat which they received from woodchopper King near Gervais yesterday morning.

The country along Butte Creek is very rough and as they have several hours' start of the posse, it does not look now as though they will be captured today.

POSSE'S PURSUIT

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)
MONITOR, Ore., June 12.—(11 a. m.)—Sheriff Durbin reached here at 10 o'clock, together with the tracker and the bloodhounds. The dogs were taken to the trail at once, but they seemed to have lost the scent, and that, together with their fatiguing work of the last two days, prevented their doing good trailing. It became necessary to send to Salem for more old clothes of the convicts in order to give the dogs a better scent. Superintendent Lee has them on the way now.

Despite the apparent uselessness of the dogs, continued attempts to use them are being made. Sheriff Durbin thinks that

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the grief-stricken family from the loved form of the deceased, only intensified the indignation all felt for the ruthless and wanton slayers of the young man.

The body of B. T. Tiffany was buried from the residence of B. F. Southwick, on Twelfth and Center streets. The Rev. John Parsons conducted the services, and a large concourse of friends and neighbors were present to sympathize with the deeply stricken family. The funeral services, as at the Perrell funeral, were numerous and beautiful. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in a slightly elevated spot in the City View cemetery.

The funeral of E. R. T. Jones, the third of the victims of the murderous fury of the convicts, was held at Hubbard yesterday at 11 a. m., under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Workmen, to which orders he belonged.

SEEN NEAR NEEDY

OREGON CITY, June 12.—Sheriff Cooke received a telephone message this afternoon from Monitor that the escaped convicts got dinner at E. Graves' place, three miles south of Needy, and then returned to timber cover. Sheriff Durbin and his posse were planning to start in pursuit.

necessary owing to the roughness of the country.

The fugitives were tracked by some of the posse into the thickly wooded bottom one mile and a half from Monitor, but it is doubtful if the woods can be surrounded, on account of their extensiveness.

However, the militiamen are expected, and they will make every effort to surround the creek bottom into which the fugitives have been traced. Owing, however, to the long start on the posse, it is possible that the men may have gone through the woods, crossing the creek into Clackamas County.

Sheriff Wood of Clackamas has been notified to send men out to intercept them if they should go that way.

FALSE SCENT

Portland Man Who Knows All About It.

A man who resides in Portland, but who does not care to have his name mentioned, is just back from Woodburn. He rode some 40 miles through the country round about there, where the escaped convicts, Tracy and Merrill, are supposed to be in hiding. He informs The Journal as follows:

"I talked with a great many people. There is not one of them who believe the reports that Tracy and Merrill are where the posse has supposed them to be at all. When the stories are all simmered down it amounts to about this: The men who are believed to be the convicts are probably not Tracy or Merrill at all, but merely a couple of tramps.

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"Then, again, if Tracy and Merrill stole the mail of Monday night, it is not reasonable to believe that they would be so foolish as to hang around in a section where they were being hunted.

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LAST NIGHT'S WATCH

The Posse Exchanged Shots With the Fugitives.

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)
GERVAIS, June 12.—Ringsed around by a wall of fire, doubling and turning in a vain effort to break the cordon that surrounded them, convicts Merrill and Tracy spent a bad half night before their escape from the thick brush.

Shortly before the dogs struck the fresh trail in the wheat field, as reported in yesterday's Journal, the militia from Salem arrived in force, and the cordon was materially strengthened by a complete redistribution of the men.

In the meantime a posse of about 12 men, headed by Sheriff Durbin and Guard Carson, had delved into the brush, not on the trail of the dogs, who were running madly on a fresh scent, yelping at every jump. The trail as first followed led along an alley in the woods, and the dogs ran so fast that they had to be called back more than once, as it was difficult for the posse to make its way through the brush with any speed.

ON THE TRAIL.
The freshness of the trail and the peculiarity of the fact that no effort seemed to have been made to cover it in any way roused the suspicion of Carson, who after much trouble succeeded in cutting off his dogs. Just at this point the trail led down into an open hollow, on the opposite side of which was a tangled mass of rocks and brush totally commanding the hollow.

Subsequent developments made it almost certain that the posse had been deceived by the fugitives, they expecting by general slaughter of the posse to so terrify the rest of their pursuers as to open the way of escape.

Leaving the dangerous locality, the posse struck eastward, and in a short time a shot rang out in the direction from which the fugitives had come, and a puff of smoke rose lazily over the rocky abutments which they had so fortunately avoided. In a few minutes another shot was heard in an orchard at the edge of the woods, and almost at once Oscar Gillice of Salem threw his rifle to his shoulder and fired five times at one of the convicts, whom he saw running crouching through the tall grass and fern.

SHOTS EXCHANGED.
At Gillice's first shot the hunted man appeared to stumble forward, and he at once disappeared in the ferns, which at that point were nearly waist-high. Gillice's other four shots were fired into the morning sun, and it was impossible to know at the distance—about 250 yards—whether any of the shots had done their work. From this time, about 5 o'clock, till darkness fell, not a sign of the pursued men was seen or heard, they evidently having doubled back into the thick brush.

AFRAID TO PROCEED.
Realizing that any further attempt to put the dogs into the brush would probably result in their being killed, Guard Carson returned with his trailers to Gervais and with him went Sheriff Durbin and Major Leab, in command of the National Guard, to arrange for some food to be sent out to the boys who were holding their posts on the firing line.

Baskets of sandwiches and bottles of hot coffee were soon secured, and a team loaded with the provender then made the circuit of the brush block where the men were surrounded, satisfying the stomachs of the guards, whose murmurs of starvation were by this time growing both loud and deep.

After this had been attended to a last trip of inspection was made along the line by the militia officers; and the boys were left for the night to hold the desperate men in the block.

DECOYS WERE USED.
Along about 9 o'clock three buggies

LOCAL OFFICERS MAY GO

Deputy Sheriff George McMullan departed for this afternoon location of the outlaws this morning. McMullan is one of the best sharpshooters in the Northwest, and withal as determined and fearless as they make them.

Deputy Sheriff Lou Wagner was at the police station this afternoon, armed with a Krug-Jorgensen army rifle, ready to join Detectives Day and Cordano, upon receipt of the answer to a telegram to the Governor, who is allowing members of the posse \$5 per day for expenses. If any one goes, they will leave on the 4 p. m. train. Chief McLaughlin needs all his men, however, and it is not likely he will let Day and Cordano go.

CAPTURE SEEMS REMOTE

(Journal Special Service.)
GERVAIS, June 12.—The convict fugitives eluded the officers at Monitor and got through the brush to Needy, eight miles distant. They held up a farmer for dinner and then started toward the Clackamas mountains. Sheriff Durbin spent this morning with bloodhounds in the brush, but accomplished nothing. The militia is at Monitor, but is useless. The capture of the men now seems remote.

CONVICTS ELUDE CAPTURE

(Journal Special Service.)
GERVAIS, June 12.—Tracy and Merrill, the convicts, escaped at 2 o'clock this morning. At daybreak the escapes got breakfast at Akers' farmhouse, eight miles from here, and while eating held their rifles on the men near the house and kept them away at the mill. Mrs. Akers was forced to prepare it. After stay of a quarter of an hour they left the brush and made toward the river.

STRIKE QUIET

Next Move Will Be to Call National Convention.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WILKESBARRE, June 12.—It is reported this morning that the next move on the part of the striking anthracite miners would be the calling of a national convention of the hard and soft coal men to decide upon some plan of sympathetic action by the bituminous diggers.

President Mitchell today refused to talk about the matter. Reports from various sections in the anthracite field state that everything is very quiet today.

DUCKED TWO FILIPINOS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WASHINGTON, June 12.—Mark Evans, of Des Moines, a former sergeant of company F, Thirty-second volunteers, testified today before the senate committee on the Philippines that he had seen two Filipinos ducked in the bay at Orai and an administration of the water-cure to another at the same place. Several towns and villages in the province of Batang were burned because the Americans were fired upon.

MILLION STOLEN

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
PARIS, June 12.—The theft of a million francs has been discovered at the Bank of France.

HE RODE TO HIS DEATH

COLOGNE, June 12.—Baron Bletchroder, a noted financier-sportsman, was killed yesterday in an automobile accident at Durant.

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SHOT A BOY

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
PAWTUCKET, R. I., June 12.—As the car was passing Pawtucket and East avenues this afternoon amid a volley of stones, Vernon Peterson, aged 14, was shot through the neck and died in 15 minutes. The shot came from the car, and the responsibility is divided between the deputy and the conductor. Two companies of militia were sent immediately to the scene, but no arrests have been made.

UNDERWOOD SURROUNDED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
TACOMA, June 12.—Paul Underwood, child murderer, has been surrounded in the woods between Tokel and the Columbia river by a posse, which includes three + sheriffs. He has been in hiding + over a week on short rations. It is + expected that he will soon be + starved out.

SPICY DIVORCE

Innes' Suit In New York Supreme Court Today.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NEW YORK, June 12.—A divorce suit by Fred Innes, the well known bandmaster, against his wife was begun before Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court this morning. Four co-respondents are named, among them Eugilist Corbett. Mrs. James Innes has filed a cross bill naming Mrs. Katherine Wenzel as a co-respondent. The case is likely to prove very spicy.

CARDINALS APPOINTED

Will Consider and Report on Taft Resolutions.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
ROME, June 12.—Cardinal Rampolla today appointed a committee of cardinals to discuss the Taft propositions. Its opponents of Cardinals Rampolla, Serafini, Vannutelli, Gotti, Steuber and Turo.

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