

A MEETING ARBITRATES THE STRIKE

Labor and Capitol in Session This Afternoon to Reach Agreement.

An important meeting, with the object in view of inquiring closely into the labor difficulties of the city, is in session this afternoon. It might properly be termed an arbitration board, and the indications are that the long-drawn-out building trades strike will soon be a thing of the past.

The conference is composed of Johan Poulsen of Inman, Poulsen Company's sawmill, the several managers of the planting mills against which the strike was called, 12 of the Amalgamated Woodworkers who were formerly in the employ of the boycotted mills, H. Greene, business agent of the Building Trades Council, and J. E. Lewton, secretary of the Building Trades Council.

The conference was arranged through the efforts of Mr. Poulsen, who on Saturday attended a meeting composed of the sawmill, planting mill and master builders' representatives. At that time the planting mill men objected to the manner in which the sawmill men had been assisting them during their fight against the Amalgamated Woodworkers, claiming they had violated their agreement with them.

Mr. Poulsen replied that no agreement had been violated, and to prove their statement read the resolutions which had been passed and signed by the several associations at a prior meeting. At that time, the sawmill men agreed not to send lumber to any job that was completely tied up, but nothing was contained in the resolutions forbidding them from supplying material to the union planting mills or to filling all new orders which were accompanied by the cash. This the sawmill men have been doing without asking any questions, much to the chagrin of the Planting Millmen's Association.

COUNSELLED ARBITRATION.

The association was further informed at Saturday's meeting that its members were taking a decidedly obstinate stand, and that they are not only injuring themselves by their course, but are also doing a serious wrong to the city by their meeting their former employers and talking the matter over in all its various phases. They were also told that the union mills are getting firmly established and will soon be in a position to seriously cripple their business. One of the speakers asserted that the Schmitt mill on the East Side is fully equipped with modern machinery, and will shortly run two shifts of 40 men each, and if business conditions warranted it the force would be increased by a third shift.

The Master Builders were also censured by the speaker for the prominent part which they have taken in the matter, and were informed that they were more of a disturbing element than anything else, and the right of their presence at the meeting was questioned.

The upshot of Saturday's meeting was the speedy arrangement made for the conference this afternoon. Heretofore the millmen refused to meet union representatives or to consider the subject of arbitration in any form, and their agree-

ing to do so now is being regarded as an important concession on their part. It is generally believed in labor circles that this conciliatory spirit manifested by them at the last moment is going to be fruitful of good results, and that employer and employe will again, in a comparatively short time, be walking hand in hand in peace and harmony.

The Master Builders do not like the trend of recent events, but will not commit themselves to any great extent upon the subject.

KILLED THE WOMEN

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WILLENSTAD, Island Curacao-La-guayra, June 15.—The port of Curacao, Venezuela, was attacked by Venezuelan revolutionists on Saturday. The government forces answered by bombarding Matueta, a suburb of Laguara. The only persons killed were a number of peaceful women. After a brief engagement the revolutionists repulsed the people. Curacao is panic-stricken, believing the place to be besieged. The situation in Venezuela is serious and a crisis imminent.

FRANZ JOSEF IS IN DANGER

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

VIENNA, June 15.—An anarchist plot to assassinate Emperor Franz Joseph has been discovered. A tailor, who was allotted to perform the task, has disappeared. The police are in a fever of apprehension, as the Emperor dreads to accept a close guard, and drives daily to his palace in Vienna in an open carriage. His Majesty passes through crowded streets and is an easy mark for an assassin's bullet. The detective force has been strengthened by a thousand picked men.

TELLER'S DEMAND

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WASHINGTON, June 15.—In the Senate this morning, Teller of Colorado introduced a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for a full, itemized statement of all payments made out of Cuban funds to any persons or corporations for the purpose of promoting reciprocity between the United States and Cuba during the military occupation of Cuba by the United States.

RIDES IN AN AUTO

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

ALDERSHOT, June 15.—Late this afternoon public apprehension regarding King Edward was greatly relieved by the announcement that the King had left the royal pavilion for Windsor in an automobile. The Queen accompanied him. It was taken to mean that the King took this course to show the people that his indisposition is not so serious as reported. The King is scheduled to entertain 100 guests at the banquet at Windsor Castle tonight.

VOTE ON JUNE 26.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The House today adopted a resolution providing for taking a vote on the Philippine bill on June 26.

THE CONVICTS NOW ARE PENNED NEAR ORCHARD

Six Miles Away—Are at Bay—Militia Guards the Roads—Governor McBride Will Be Asked to Send Bloodhounds.

(By The Journal Staff Correspondent.)

ORCHARD, Wash., June 16.—Tracy and Merrill are penned up at a point six miles north from here, between Mill Plain and Fourth Plain roads. The militia of Vancouver will guard the roads. Governor McBride will be asked to send the bloodhounds from the Walla Walla penitentiary. Capture is imminent.

CLAIMED THEY SAW

The Convicts on North Plain Road Early Today.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—Six unarmed men, who arrived here this morning, among whom were Messrs. McGroick, Elwell and Bluerock, claim to have seen Tracy and Merrill on the North Plain road at 7:30 last night.

One of the two men had on a white shirt. The two answer the description given of the escaped convicts. They were both armed: One of them pulled out a gun from his left hip pocket with his left hand.

Although this was not conclusive, it is significant, for Tracy is known to be left-handed.

NO WHITE FEATHER.

As soon as the men were discovered they did not show the white feather. Tracy stepped out and hurled his denials at his pursuers. He exclaimed: "We've got 'em, you — of —"

The two men were crouched behind a pile of wood when discovered.

Detective Joe Day of the Portland detective department was 200 yards away. He was satisfied of the presence of the suspected escapes, but did not come any nearer.

Sheriff Marsh of Clark County, this state, is here, and Sheriff Cooke of Clackamas County, Oregon, is coming, both to take part in the chase. The latter will meet the bloodhounds.

SEEN AT SIX TODAY

They Entered Tiede's House at Orchard, Wash.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—A telephone message was received here at 8:30 this morning from Orchard, Wash., which, though exceedingly sentimental, is undoubtedly true, in the opinion of Sheriff Marsh.

The report is that at 6 this morning two men, whose description and methods exactly tally with those followed thus far by Tracy and Merrill, committed another holdup. At the hour named they entered the house of a German named Tiede, an unmarried man. They bound him securely so that he could not interfere with their operations. They then went through his house and carried away with them such food as they wanted.

After leaving the house of Tiede which is 4 1/2 miles northeast of Vancouver on the North Plain road, they struck north.

Should the dogs fail to put in an appearance in time, the posse will follow the trail anyway.

AN EARLY REPORT

That the Convicts Were Surrounded by 200 Men.

(Journal Special Service.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—A word came in this morning from Orchard, six miles north of this place, on the direct line that Tracy and Merrill are known to have taken.

The report is that the escapes are in a belt of timber near Orchard, and that 200 men have them surrounded.

Orchard is six miles from Vancouver and north of the river.

Evidence From New Era.

OREGON CITY, June 16.—When Tracy and Merrill took W. G. Randall's hack and team at New Era Saturday night, several persons saw and heard the vehicle pass through the town. Wheeler Church, accompanied the A. O. U. W. boat excursion, which returned from Portland shortly after 2 o'clock, met a team with two men in the wagon, driving down the hill near his residence. C. N. Greenman, who lives on Main street, in the lower part of the town, heard a wagon moving at a rapid rate in the direction of the Clackamas river. Others heard the wagon, but did not think it anything unusual. It is now believed that there was something in the story of the convicts being at New Era Friday morning. Mrs. Newbury, the postmistress, positively asserted that it was Merrill who purchased the 5 cents' worth of tobacco, as his appearance tallied exactly with the printed picture and description. J. E. Bradel, who saw the man, was equally positive that it was Merrill. The man walked to the store from the rocky point along the railroad track in the direction of Oregon City and returned the same way, climbing over the fence and disappearing in the river bottom.

Probably a Canard.

The Convicts on North Plain Road Early Today.

(Journal Special Service.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—A report received here today that Tracy and Merrill were seen near here last night, behind a pile of wood, is now discredited. It is believed to have had little or no foundation in truth.

Posse From Salem.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, June 15.—Five men, well armed, left here yesterday afternoon to join the pursuers of Tracy and Merrill in Washington. The party is headed by James Skipton, an experienced woodsman, and the posse hopes to be able to assist the regulars and the posses in running them down.

Sharp Lookout.

While Merrill was detailing the history of the chase, Tracy sat in the bow of the boat saying nothing, but keeping a sharp lookout on the Washington shore just ahead and only broke his silence to say, "Don't take us too far up stream. We don't care how close we get to Vancouver, but we don't want to get too far up the river."

When the boat reached the shore the convicts, with a parting admonition to "keep your mouths shut," jumped out and disappeared into the brush on a point about three miles up stream from Vancouver, while Sunderland and his companions hurried back to the Oregon shore and dispatched Hotgrieve post haste to Portland with the news.

Looked Fagged Out.

The bandits, says Sunderland, looked fagged and exhausted, but so far as he could tell were un wounded, though Merrill showed him a bullet hole through the left shoulder of his shirt, where the bullet of one of the penitentiary guards had penetrated at the time they made their escape. His left temple showed a wound, but this he explained by saying that in escaping he had fallen down and hurt it against the root of a tree. Tracy apparently was un hurt, though like his partner in crime, he was badly scratched and torn from traveling through the brush.

Plenty of Ammunition.

They had at least 100 rounds of ammunition each, which they carried in small bags swung at their left sides by the reins taken from the horses they had stolen, and on leaving, Tracy presented Sunderland with an Elk's pin taken from Dr. White of Gervais, which he told him to keep "as a souvenir."

At about 12 o'clock they visited John Jones' farmhouse, about one mile north and a little east of where they had crossed the river, and demanded food. They ate a hearty meal and also appropriated some provisions, which they took with them. While eating, they were profuse with questions as to the exact location of the place where they were, and inquired particularly how far they were from the Mill Plains road, an open turnpike leading straight from Vancouver to the Sound country. Having all their questions answered, they again took to the woods and have not since been seen.

The Bloodhounds.

According to a message received here immediately upon receipt of the information that the convicts had been seen again, Governor Geer telephoned to Warden Catron of the Walla Walla prison, asking that the dogs which had been sent home be again returned to the new scene of the hunt. The warden immediately replied that four dogs would be sent at once, and that this time they would be turned loose to catch or kill. They are expected here at 9 o'clock this morning, and immediately upon their arrival will be taken to the last place at which the convicts were seen and turned loose upon the trail.

Merrill's Old Home.

Vancouver is Merrill's old home. He spent his boyhood here, and as his stepfather and half-brother still live here it was thought the desperadoes might attempt to communicate with their friends during the night. For this reason the Vancouver Chief of Police did not take the trail last evening with the Portland detectives, but posted scouts all along the lower river bank and also kept a strict watch over the house of Lem Robinson, Merrill's stepfather, in the hope that he would try to gain some help from his relatives.

Jim Robinson, a half-brother, is a fisherman on the Columbia, and it was thought likely that his aid might be sought by the convicts, but, although a strict watch was kept, nothing was seen of the desperadoes in the town.

Doors Were Guarded.

All through the night Sheriff Marsh of Vancouver, Sheriff Cook of Clackamas, the Portland detectives, the Vancouver militia and many citizens kept watch and ward over the roads leading north from here, but, despite their vigilance, no traces were found, and early this morning the man-hunters returned here to meet the bloodhounds and to enter upon the chase in grim earnest.

They Talked.

During the passage of the river both men became loquacious, Merrill in particular talking a great deal. He appeared to be thoroughly hardened and expressed

Posse to Salmon River.

(Staff Correspondence.)

ORCHARD, June 15.—Detectives Kerrigan, Day, Snow and others left this morning for Salmon river, in an attempt to head off the convicts in the event they go in that direction.

Perhaps Near Orchard.

(Staff Correspondence.)

ORCHARD, June 15.—Sheriff Cook expresses the opinion that Tracy and Merrill are lying in the brush near here, and that they are not more than a mile or two from the village.

OUT ON THE TRAIL

Word Comes on Sunday and Men Followed at Once.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16.—Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts from the Salem penitentiary, have been heard of again four miles up the Columbia River from this place.

At 2:40 on Sunday afternoon, Charles Hotgrieve drew up a well-nigh beaten horse before the Courthouse in Portland, told the news, and by 3 o'clock Detectives Weiner, Day, Kerrigan, Snow and Sheriff Cook of Oregon City were speeding here to take up the fresh trail of the murderers. On the next car came The Journal correspondent and Chief Deputy Sheriff Thielson of Multnomah County, who, before leaving Portland, had telephoned the news to Governor Geer at Salem.

Their Reappearance.

The story told of the reappearance of the convicts is as follows:

About 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, as Sunderland and two others were preparing their fishing boat on the south bank of the Columbia, Tracy and Merrill appeared above them on the bank and at the point of a rifle ordered the astonished fishermen to ferry them across the river. The first thing they did was to search the boat to ascertain if any arms were secreted in it, and then, satisfied that there was no danger, compelled Sunderland and his companions to ferry them across the river.

Kept Close Watch.

On the way over Tracy sat in the bow of the boat and Merrill in the stern, both keeping a close watch on the men who rowed them and never once letting their rifles stray from covering their thoroughly frightened ferrymen. At the conclusion of the trip the desperadoes ordered Sunderland to produce his money, and the man gave up his pocket book, containing a \$5 gold piece and three silver dollars. Of this amount Tracy appropriated \$3 and handed back the remaining \$2, observing, "Here, take this back. We don't need all your money. We've got lots of it anyway."

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LATEST EDITION TO MEET TONIGHT

Fourth of July Committee at Chamber of Commerce.

All the members of the general and sub-committees of the Fourth of July Association are requested to be present at the meeting of the committee this evening at 808 Chamber of Commerce building. All the committees will report and a program will be arranged for the Fourth.

TROOPS IN REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT

Queen Alexandra Views Thirty Thousand Men in Line.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

LONDON, July 15.—Thirty thousand troops participated today in the Aldershot review. Evolutions were of the simplest character, the whole force marching before the Queen by companies, 50 men abreast.

The Queen had her carriage placed so close to the line of march that the men at times brushed against her as they passed by.

Hurt in a Runaway.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

A buggy wrecked and a farmer bruised about the legs are the results of a runaway accident in First street near Salmon at 10:15 o'clock this morning. A team of horses belonging to a farmer got beyond his control, and ran into a buggy belonging to a lime company, smashing it completely and throwing the farmer out of his wagon, bruising him about the legs. The horses were stopped before any further damage was done.

CLARK A REAR-ADMIRAL.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WASHINGTON, June 15.—The President today nominated Captain Chas. Clark, who commanded the Oregon in the Santiago engagement, to be a rear admiral.

BIG RUSH FOR LANDS TOMORROW

Fort Hall Reservation Is to be Opened—400,000 Acres.

(Journal Special Service.)

POCATELLO, Idaho, June 15.—Tomorrow the rush for lands on the Fort Hall Indian reservation will be made. The boundaries of the reserve are lined with people ready to make a dash for the land, while some have gone so far as to squat right on the reservation, determined to hold the ground at all hazards. This is the result of the decision of the general land office to open the lands under the old "rush" system, instead of under the lottery plan as was adopted at the last land opening in the Indian Territory. The entries have all been made at the blackfoot land office and the start will be made at noon tomorrow.

The opening involves nearly 400,000 acres ceded to the government by the Shoshone and Bannock Indians. It is estimated that about 300,000 acres are agricultural or grazing lands, which will be entered under homestead, lumber, stone and mineral laws, and all of these lands will be for persons who are first in the rush. That part of the reservation lying within five miles of the place is exempted from the general opening tomorrow, and will be sold at public auction at noon July 17.

EDWARD AT WINDSOR.

LONDON, June 15.—Replying late this afternoon to a message regarding serious developments in the King's condition, Sir Francis Knollys, His Majesty's secretary, wired as follows:

"The best answer I can give you is that the King goes to Windsor this afternoon."

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