

## HOT AFTER CONVICTS

### With Scent of Bloodhounds and Loaded Gun Pursuit Proceeds.

(Journal Special Service.)  
VANCOUVER, June 17.—The capture of the convicts is imminent. It may come at any time. Pursuers are hot on the trail and the indications are that the end of the long chase is near at hand.

## THEY ARE TRAILED

### Bloodhounds Hot After the Fleeing Convicts.

(Journal Special Service.)  
BALMON CREEK BRIDGE, June 17.—9:30 a. m.—The posse has just arrived at the scene of last night's battle with the convicts, Tracy and Merrill, amid great clouds of dust on the road. The dogs' noses are filled with the choking substance. In the posse are: Sheriff John L. Marsh, Sheriff J. T. Totton, of Skamania County; W. W. Sparks, Lem Tomlinson, Constable at Vancouver; H. A. Boardman, Bud Smith, Charles Ferrell, brother of the murdered guard, Salem; Walter Lyon, J. L. Skipton, H. W. Prettyman, Game Warden of Portland; E. C. Johnson, Thomas Trent and The Journal man.

The posse has followed the dogs into the bush. Bert Blessecker, who was in the battle last night, was shot through the coat just under the right arm. The bush is very dense, making the following of the trail slow and difficult. The only accident occurring within the last few hours is death of one of the horses which was shot from the cover, presumably by one of the fugitive convicts.

## TALE OF THE WATCH

### The Journal Correspondent Relates the Story in Detail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 17.—8 a. m.—Tracy and Merrill have not yet been taken, but to the burden of their crimes has been added the serious—perhaps fatal—wounding of two persons, and though it was not their hands which fired the shots yet the rage of the people of this community has been kindled afresh against them, and when they are at last brought to bay a fearful revenge is likely to be taken, for the people consider that they are primarily responsible.

When Walter Lyon, secretary to Gov. Geer; Low Wagner, of Portland, and Deputy Sheriff Skipton, of Marion County, took up their watch on a bridge over Salmon Creek yesterday they had no idea that by night they would have shed innocent blood. Right along a ridge of timber leading down to the bridge on which they took their stand they expected the convicts to come, and when about 5 o'clock last evening they observed two men apparently hiding behind a tree about 500 yards away they thought the time had surely come for a brush with the desperadoes.

WHEN THEY MADE MISTAKE.  
They watched the supposed convicts closely and when they saw one of them make a motion as though to aim his gun all three fired at one and the same moment, and the man dropped to the ground. His companion, however, instead of firing in return, jumped up and waved a handkerchief, and then it was that the idea first occurred to them that they had probably shot down one of their own men. They hurried to the spot and discovered Billy Morris, of Vancouver, waiting in his blood with his thigh fractured by a ball.

CARED FOR HIM.  
Without a moment's delay a chair was secured from a near-by farm house, the wounded man was carried tenderly to a spring wagon and conveyed to the Providence Hospital in Vancouver, where he was at once given surgical attention. It was at first thought the injury was merely a flesh wound, but a closer examination showed that the bone had been splintered by the ball, and at the time of writing it is as yet impossible to say whether or not amputation will be necessary. The injured man was married and has small children dependent on him.

The unfortunate members of the posse are greatly depressed over the occurrence but the general consensus of opinion is that it was merely one of those accidents which will happen, and indeed it seems that only by a special dispensation of Providence a score or more have not been already killed by the same sort of a regrettable mistake.

BOY SHOT HIMSELF.  
The other accident of the day was the wounding of a small boy whose name could not be ascertained. He, like nearly every other boy in the community, was out on the trail of the convicts, and carried with him a revolver of fearful and wonderful make. While he was lying in wait the revolver fell to the ground, and discharging itself by the concussion planted a ball in his leg. The wound, from all reports, is not considered serious.

CONVICTS STILL HIDING.  
Not a sign of Tracy and Merrill has been seen since yesterday morning, when they handled Henry Tiede so un-

ceremoniously in his cabin in the woods, but it is generally believed that having a good supply of food, they have laid in the woods within a short distance of the house all day yesterday. As soon as it was definitely understood that the Walla Walla bloodhounds would not arrive yesterday morning Sheriff Marsh of Clark County, made arrangements to guard all the bridges along the Salmon and Lewis rivers, which lie to the north, and in addition a line of patrols was thrown out around the strip of woods in which it is nearly certain they were lying concealed. Whether they were able to pass the patrols last night has not yet been ascertained, but the strictest vigilance was maintained, and it is nearly a certainty that the desperadoes are still within the lines.

TOO MANY RUBBERNECKS.  
In reviewing the situation yesterday with Sheriff Marsh and Sheriff Totton, of Skamania County, who had just arrived to take a hand in the hunt, The Journal correspondent dwelt briefly on the lessons of the campaign to date, and it was unanimously decided that there have been too many rubbernecks in the chase. Accordingly a new plan of action was formulated. In the first place it was the general opinion that only by the merest accident could the convicts ever be caught without the aid of bloodhounds, the density of the brush rendering it absolutely impossible to keep any trail without the dogs, and at the request of the Sheriffs The Journal man communicated with Governor Geer on the matter, asking that he again endeavor to secure the dogs from Warden Catron, of Walla Walla.

JOURNAL'S PLAN WENT.  
Gov. Geer acquiesced in the plan and at once wired. In due time the following was received from him:  
To: The Journal Representative, Vancouver.

SALEM, June 16.  
Warden Catron says dogs will come if your people are willing to divide the reward in case of capture.

T. T. GEER.  
The ultimatum was at once submitted to the leaders of the hunt, and they being willing, Governor Geer was asked to secure the dogs and to determine the proportion in which the reward should be distributed in case of a capture being made.

NEW PLANS FORMED.  
It was decided by the Sheriffs that the plan of operations in today's chase should be changed. Instead of depending wholly upon the very dubious method of heading the convicts it was decided to select ten good men—men who would fight—to put the dogs on the trail, and to follow them into the brush after the murderers, come what may. This method will almost certainly involve the loss of some days and perhaps of some men, but it is thought that the first shot fired by the convicts at the hounds will be the signal for their doom, for the posse will be so close behind that their escape will be almost impossible.

BLOODHOUNDS ARE COMING.  
According to the arrangements made by Governor Geer the bloodhounds left Walla Walla last night and should reach Vancouver by 9 a. m. Every preparation has been made for their arrival, and as soon as they are taken off the Columbia River ferry they will be placed in a carriage and driven without a moment's delay to the Tiede house, four miles north of the town, where the last definite trace of the men has been seen.

VANCOUVER IN TURMOIL.  
Never perhaps in the history of Vancouver has the town been so excited as yesterday and today. All day long crowds of people thronged the streets and every horseman or cyclist who came from the north was besieged with a running fire of questions from the moment he entered the town till driven to desperation he secreted himself in some convenient hiding place.

But when the news came in that Morris had been wounded rumor ran riot. The telephone and telegraph offices were besieged with eager seekers after information, and everywhere the subject was discussed pro and con in all its bearings. At first many were disposed to place blame on those who had fired the shots but a clearer understanding of the situation made them change their minds, and now almost everyone is disposed to think it merely one of those regrettable incidents which are almost inseparable from such scenes as have been witnessed here for the last few days.

EVERY AVENUE GUARDED.  
Notwithstanding the fact that the authorities are confident that Tracy and Merrill are now in the bush north of the town no avenue of escape was left unguarded last night either to the town or on the river. Every suspicious person and locality in the city limits was under the strictest espionage all through the night and every boat which passed down the river was stopped and examined at a point nearly four miles below the town so that the officers are confident that the convicts will be found and either taken or killed during the day. Of course this all depends on whether the dogs can pick up the scent which is now 24 hours old. If they can do so there will be bloody doings near Vancouver before night falls.

## OUR DETECTIVES

### What They Said About the Convict Chase.

Detectives Day, Kerrigan and Snow, who have been on the chase of Tracy and

## LATEST EDITION A FIGHT FOR LIFE

### Two Guards and the Convicts Engage in Battle.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 17.—At 8 o'clock this morning a most exciting event occurred, which shows that Tracy and Merrill, if run into a corner, will make a desperate fight for life. They are evidently determined not to be taken, if possible to escape, and if the inevitable should finally come to pass, to sell their lives as dearly as possible.  
At the hour named, Burt Blessecker and Frank Davis were on guard on the bridge across Salmon Creek near the place where Tracy and Merrill were believed to be in hiding, and over which the military road passes. Suddenly the two convicts appeared.  
The guards are determined men, and they saw that a fight was on. The convicts were equally as determined. As the escapes swung into range, four guns were raised and four men began to blaze away. Several volleys were thus exchanged. When the reports had died away and the smoke cleared, it was found that Blessecker was slightly wounded through the shoulder. Whether any of the shots fired by Blessecker and Davis took effect, it is impossible to say. Tracy and Merrill withdrew speedily to cover.  
Guard Carson has been dispatched for the bloodhounds, and the fight will be kept up, for the determination on the one side to capture and on the other to get away is stronger now than ever.  
Your correspondent is now on his way to the scene of the fight.

Merrill in Clark County, Washington, returned to Portland last night for a little rest. They returned to the scene of the chase this morning accompanied by Detective Danny Welner, who exchanged shots with Tracy at the time of his original capture.

The three detectives who passed the night at home were completely fagged out having gone 36 hours without sleep or rest, but again started out early this morning determined to be in at the killing if any came up.  
That the only way to capture the two men is to head them off instead of chasing them and they are going to work on that plan. They figure that if they can hit upon the direction the fugitives are going and can get in advance, they can get their men by letting them come to them (the officers) rather than going to the outlaws.

Deputy Sheriff Wagner, who passed the day Monday with the posse and was in the crowd which fired on two of their own number, is home to stay.  
"I'M DONE WITH IT," he said. "A man's a fool to go over there and wander aimlessly around. Besides I couldn't hit the side of a barn anyway, and am better off here serving legal papers. I am awful sorry for that poor fellow who got shot. He is a nice fellow and his condition is serious. He and his companion made a bad break, however, when they saw us. Instead of signalling us they jumped behind a tree, pulling their guns after them."

WHICH WAS VERY SUSPICIOUS to say the least. We thought they were Tracy and Merrill sure, as we had been instructed to look for them there, and not waiting for them to fire we blazed away. It was very unfortunate but no one conversant with the facts blames our party for what we did.

BLOODHOUNDS ARRIVE.  
The bloodhounds from Walla Walla, asked for by Governor Geer yesterday are now on the scene of the chase.  
They arrived early this morning via the O. R. & N. in charge of Guard Carson, who handled them in the original chase. Hounds and guard immediately entered a hack and were hurried to the First and Washington streets where a car was taken for Vancouver.

A RUSH OCCURRED  
When Fort Hall Reservation Was Opened Today.

Reminiscent Story Anent the Chase After Outlaws, Tracy and Merrill.

Anent the chase after Tracy and Merrill, Sheriff Tom Linville, of Clatsop County, tells of the experience of his predecessor in office, Sheriff J. W. Williams, who was killed in the discharge of his duty, September 20, 1888, while arresting just such a man as the two outlaws referred to are.

Sheriff Williams, accompanied by Deputy Jacob E. Lamers, State Senator Charles Fulton and Constable A. E. Miller, went to Seaside to arrest one Charles Willard, a burglar and petty thief. In discussing the present chase after Merrill and Tracy, Linville became reminiscent and in conversation with a Journal reporter told the appended story illustrative of what nerve and determination will do, even at the cost of a life or two. In the case referred to four men were pitted against one while several hundred were lined up against the Salem outlaws.

WAS A BLOODY FIGHT.  
"Sheriff Williams came to his death," said Linville. "In what was perhaps one of the bloodiest fights that has ever occurred in Oregon. Some two years before it occurred a stranger—a moody, taciturn man—with his hair hanging about his shoulders, drifted into Astoria. He made no friends, spoke to as few as possible and made a business of watching the houses along the shore for the owners. His only pleasure seemed to be in wandering along the beach and shooting gulls with rifle and pistol. He was a dead shot

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## PROMINENT MEN SCRAP

### Chicago's Mayor and Illinois Politician Quarrel.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 17.—Just before the Democratic state convention was called to order here today at noon, State Chairman Hopkins and Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, had a sensational encounter. Hopkins demanded to know if Harrison was correctly quoted in a Chicago paper which made him say Hopkins could not be re-elected without the use of boodle. Harrison reiterated the statement.  
Hopkins became furious and called Harrison "a damned little pinhead." He said the latter never came by an honest dollar except through inheritance, and also accused him of adding to his fortune by extorting money from harlots and gambling and selling out in franchise deals. It looked at one time as though the men would come to blows, but the friends of each were there to prevent that.  
The platform as reported falls specifically to endorse the Kansas City platform, and pledges a renewal of allegiance to the fundamental principles of Democracy as laid down in the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution, and affirmed by previous conventions.

## 20 PER CENT GOES

### Spoooner Bill for Cubans Was Agreed Upon Today.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Republican members of the Senate committee on Cuba this morning agreed upon the Spooner bill providing for a 20 per cent reciprocity arrangement with Cuba, to continue five years, with safeguards whereby the benefits of the measure are assured to the Cuban planters. The bill will be presented to the Republican caucus which meets tomorrow night.

## QUAY GIVES WARM BATTLE

### Against Senate on Territories Over Pending Bill.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—There is a contest in prospect in the Senate over the omnibus statehood bill. Quay gave notice this morning that on Thursday he would move for the discharge of the committee on territories from further consideration of the bill providing for the admission into statehood of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.  
The committee which has the measure in charge recently by a majority of one vote decided the bill should not be reported to the Senate until next session.

## A RUSH OCCURRED

### When Fort Hall Reservation Was Opened Today.

(Journal Special Service.)  
POCAHELLO, June 17.—The Fort Hall reservation was opened for settlement at noon today. Thousands of homeseekers and miners joined the rush for mineral deposits supposed to exist on the reservation.

## 2 SHIPS GO SOUTH

### To Protect American Interests in Venezuela.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—At the Cabinet meeting today it was decided to send one or two war ships to Venezuela for the purpose of protecting American interests which are believed to be endangered on account of the revolution now progressing in that country. The President is worried over the fact that no answer has been received to messages sent Minister Bowen at Caracas.

## DRIVER INJURED.

Louis Landerberger, a driver of a milk wagon from Wilsonville, was injured in a runaway yesterday morning in this city. As he fell from the wagon he struck on the ground on his left foot and fractured the external malleolus in his foot so that he will be confined to the hospital for several days.

## NEW ROAD PLANNED

### Company to Build Between Ashland and Chetco Harbor.

The Oregon Pacific & Railroad Construction Company of Waido, Oregon, of which T. W. Morgan-Draper is resident and chief engineer, will build an electric railway line through the Siskiyou Mountains between Ashland and the mouth of the Chetco River in Curry County. The company has ordered its representatives to secure from Surveyor General Melvin the records of the survey of a strip of land 10 miles on either side of the river.  
This purchase will give them an enormous extent of lumber stumpage, which will furnish large tonnage to the proposed road.  
The harbor at the mouth of the Chetco River is said by competent judges to be very fine, and susceptible of being well improved and made capable of accommodating heavy steam traffic.  
TO BE ELECTRIC.  
It is the intention to operate the road by electricity. There is abundant water power on either side of the Siskiyou Mountain range, which will be utilized.  
This line would do much toward developing that part of the country, its lumber industry especially. It also would help the development of the harbor.  
The San Francisco capitalists who are behind the plan are working quietly. They have made no public announcement of their intentions, but The Journal's information in this connection is reliable. The project is backed by men who are able to push it through to a successful conclusion.

## ARRESTED DR. AMES—MAYOR

### The Minneapolis Police Scandal Has Startling Denouement.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
MINNEAPOLIS, June 17.—The local police scandal culminated this morning in the arrest of Mayor Ames on an indictment returned by the Grand Jury charging him with offering a bribe. The charge is that the Mayor promised County Commissioners Sweet and Nash \$5000 each to vote for Tom Brown for Sheriff to succeed Phil Megardien, after Megardien was removed by the Governor for alleged irregularities. The Mayor was arraigned soon after the arrest.

## PERKINS INSISTS

### That the Nicaragua Route Is the Better.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—When the Isthmian canal bill was laid before the Senate today, Perkins (California) delivered an exhaustive argument in favor of the Nicaragua route. He believed that taking hold of the Panama canal property and an attempt to complete a project that from its inception had been marked by gigantic fraud would involve the United States in political and financial difficulties that might be far-reaching.

## TRANSVAAL BOERS

### Have Surrendered in Entirety—Cape Colony Is Next.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
LONDON, June 17.—An official dispatch from Kitchener says the surrender of the Boers in the Transvaal is completed. Orange River Colony will be completed tomorrow. Only 150 more are to come in from Cape Colony.

## CARDINALS MEET

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
ROME, June 17.—The committee of Cardinals appointed to discuss Philippine matters met in the Vatican today. The debate was strictly secret.

## DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

On the 5th of last month, William Warren, a stevedore employed in loading the steamer Lackme at the Eastern Lumber Company's dock, fell down the hatchway and was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital in an unconscious condition. Hopes were entertained of the man's recovery, but he died a lingering death last night. An autopsy showed that Warren's skull had been fractured.

## GREAT TIEUP LIKELY

### Eastern Strike May Paralyze Entire Industry of the Country.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
WILKESBARRE, June 17.—The anthracite strike situation here has recurred itself into a complete deadlock. The strike leaders say today they have succeeded in getting out all the mine workers, but that the campaign is not yet completed. They intimate that the railroad men will be called up if found necessary, and say that the further suggestion was made today that the American Federation of Labor be called upon to request the great army of American workmen affiliated with the national organization to suspend operations for three days to force a crisis. This would result in tying up the country's industries for half a week.

## Coast Operators Nervous.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
SEATTLE, June 17.—The coal operators of the entire Northwest fear strike agitation here in sympathy with Wilkesbarre. Only 25 per cent of the union miners are employed in the great collieries, but it is believed the call for a general coal strike from the East would be responded to by a complete tie-up in the Northwest. Miners in many fields are reported holding secret meetings and discussing events.

## CASTRO MAY FALL

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)  
NEW YORK, June 17.—Advice from the Port of Spain, Trinidad, state that the fall of President Castro of Venezuela is momentarily expected. Dispatches state that there is an exodus from Venezuela of Castro's followers, and that the government forces have received severe set-backs from the revolutionists.

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