

REPULSED CROSSING THE LEWIS

Unconfirmed Report Tracy and Merrill

Fought and Failed to Escape—Chase Continues Hot by the Posse.

(Journal Special Service.)
LA CENTER, Wash., June 18.—Up to the present time no further definite trace has been discovered of the escaped convicts, Tracy and Merrill. A report has come in that the fugitives had tried to ford Lewis river but had been driven back by the posse.

All the bridges and fords on Lewis river from its mouth to four miles above La Center are being closely guarded.

Guard Carson has taken the bloodhounds down to Woodlawn, three miles below La Center.

Sheriff Marsh this afternoon turned the command of the pursuing party over to Constable Tomlinson, of Vancouver, and left for Vancouver himself. Tomlinson will take the field on the receipt of the first definite news.

It is expected that the convicts are in the brush and will try to cross Lewis river tonight. Owing to the roughness of the country, there is doubt as to whether there is any chance of capturing the criminals. Should Merrill and Tracy not be located by tonight, their escape from this section is deemed most certain. Every precaution looking to the capture has been taken.

Detectives Kerrigan and Snow, of Portland, are still in the hunt, and at no time since the escape of the convicts has there been a better body of men engaged in the pursuit than now.

FIRED ON THE TWO

Militia Think They Saw the Fleeing Convicts.

LA CENTER, Wash., June 18.—(9 a. m.)—Every nerve is strained to the utmost for the interest in the doings of Tracy and Merrill is as wide awake as ever. They are supposed to be still in the brush at some point southeast of the Lewis river.

Last night about 9 o'clock a squad of Vancouver militia, under the command of Lieutenant Nuff, which was stationed about a mile southeast of La Center, observed two suspicious-looking men passing over a hill near at hand. The militia halted them repeatedly, but could get no response.

The militia felt certain that the two men were Tracy and Merrill, and the order was given to fire upon them. After the guns were discharged, it was expected that the convicts, if from nothing more than mere bravado and in the spirit of defiance, would return the fire, but they did not. Instead of that, they took the alarm and fled over the brow of the hill, evidently not caring to get into closer quarters with their pursuers.

BE READ THE ALARM.
Members of the militia company were instantly dispatched to La Center with

the news and the alarm was rapidly spread. Guards were sent in every possible direction to guard the roads and to prevent the passage of the convicts.

The dogs seemed at fault and experienced considerable difficulty in picking up the scent. This is not believed to be the fault of the animals. The very reasonable theory is advanced that the new shoes which the convicts stole from the German farmer Tiede on Monday are so new that the individual scent of each convict has not sufficiently permeated the leather to make it possible for the hounds to distinguish it.

Every highway in the vicinity of La Center is under the strictest surveillance and are under guard. A part of the posse are stationed at La Center so as to be within reach of the telephone and to come to the assistance of the remainder in case they should be needed.

The Lewis river is being guarded all along its course and as far east as is practicable.

MILITIA'S ACTS

The Boys Nearly Caused Another Serious Accident.

What might have been a repetition of Monday's unfortunate accident near Vancouver was narrowly averted yesterday. As the newspaper men who are accompanying the posse drove into La Center they were held up by some drunken militia who were ensconced in some bushes near the town. As a result of the telephone was in the bushes were disclosed to head the command to halt, but the sight of the barrels of three rifles projecting through the bushes induced them to alter their determination. Fortunately two of the men were still in the possession of their senses, and after a hard struggle succeeded in wresting the rifle from the grasp of the third, a Vancouver youth named McHale, who was possessed of a drunken idea that the inoffensive reporters should be shot down like dogs. McHale was afterward locked up in La Center, and will doubtless be made to pay dearly for his folly.

Some good work has undoubtedly been done by the militia, but throughout the whole hunt the presence of the few drunken members of that arm of the service has been a discredit to their comrades and a very grave menace to every man who passes along the roads.

AT THE PRISON

Conditions at the Penitentiary Then and Now.

A gentleman who visited the penitentiary yesterday informs The Journal that the condition of affairs as they existed at the time of the recent break have changed entirely, but adds:

"It reminds me of locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen."

There is no doubt but that nothing but gross carelessness was responsible for the death of the three guards and the escape of Tracy and Merrill. There are plenty of guards on the pay roll to man the penitentiary walls, but when the men wanted to scale them they were not opposed. Tracy sat at one of the places he stopped for refreshments.

WHAT TRACY SAID.
"If any one had been on the walls to stop us carrying the ladder over 100 feet and putting it up it would have been off with us in a thousand places. The only real danger was in getting in the wall, after that it was dead easy for us."

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EASTERN STRIKE SITUATION BAD

Entire Anthracite Region May Be Tied Up—Railroad Men Are Firm and Issue an Ultimatum.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 18.—President Mitchell has issued a call for a joint convention of hard and soft coal miners. A strike of 300,000 soft coal men to assist the anthracite men in their struggle may result. This would tie up the entire coal industry of the United States and bring a climax to the strike of the anthracite men.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NEW YORK, June 18.—President Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, made a statement today. The only settlement of the coal trouble that can take place will be for the strikers to return to work and that without interference will not avail. President Fowler of the New York, Ontario & Western made a similar statement. They appear to be determined.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WILKESBARRE, June 18.—A convention will be held in Indianapolis at the earliest possible moment. The call was made upon the acquiescence of five districts of the United Mine Workers, that number being necessary to issue such call. The meeting will be important in its bearing upon the strike situation.

PENDEGAST FOUND DEAD

A Popular Hotel Man Died Last Night.

John C. Pendegast, one of Portland's pioneer hotel men, was found dead in his bed at the Esmond this morning at 7:30 o'clock. He had expired from heart disease between the hour of 5 a. m. and the time his death was discovered.

At an early hour this morning he was taken suddenly ill and rang up the office for assistance. The night clerk telephoned to Dr. George H. Strowbridge, who arrived at 4:45.

It is very evident that Mr. Pendegast did not consider his condition as serious, as he did not have the prescription left by Dr. Strowbridge filled.

Mr. Pendegast, or "Penny," as he was known, was aged about 58 years. He and his intimate friend and companion, Ed. Stotte, were the two oldest hotel clerks in Portland.

His aged mother, who lives at Woodland, Cal., has been communicated with and the body may be shipped there.

THIRTY BRAVE MEN

Are Determined to Stick to the Convicts' Trail.

Full thirty determined men are still sticking to the trail, determined never to leave it while a chance of capture remains. Prominent among these are Sheriff Marsh, of Clark County, Sheriff Totten of Skamania County, Charles Ferrell of Reno, Nev., J. Brettingham, and J. H. White, of Astoria, and other leaders while the unfortunate newspaper men, of course, are always on hand, faithful of a scoop.

SILK WORKERS RIOT.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
PATRICKSON, N. J., June 18.—Silk dyers' helpers, who have been on a strike for five weeks, divided into squads this morning and visited all the silk mills in an endeavor to induce the silk workers to come out. A riot resulted at one mill, the windows being smashed. The police were called and a fight followed, in which shots were exchanged. One policeman was probably fatally wounded and a stranger shot in the neck.

Preceding the riot 500 strikers held a mass meeting. The squads visiting the mills numbered about a hundred each. Workers were told to come out before bodily harm was done. When they persisted sticking to the working rooms, the strikers rushed at them, turning off power or breaking their machines. In less than an hour every worker in Patrickson with the exception of those at one mill had quit work. They were scared by the demonstration.

The strikers say that any attempt to start any mill will result in a fiercer outbreak than any time thus far. There is some talk of calling out the militia.

The rioting broke out afresh this afternoon, and two men were probably fatally shot. A mob of strikers moved from one mill to another, stoning the mills and shooting through the windows. The police armed themselves with shot guns, but were unable to cope with the mob. The strikers are now gathered in force around the mill at Riverside and threaten to fire the mill tonight. An unconfirmed report says a clash occurred there late this afternoon in which four strikers were shot. Mob rule has extended throughout the city. Strikers are running through the streets armed with knives and clubs.

LABOR OUTLOOK DISCOURAGING

Many Carpenters Called Off and Operations Suspended.

The labor situation is still in a complicated shape. The men employed on the building now being erected on the corner of Park and Taylor streets, were called off this morning because the material being used was from the Hand mill, one of the boycotted establishments.

Alex. Muir has the contract for its construction, and it is said that he threw out the impression to the carpenters employed that the material used was strictly "fair." Mr. Hand was seen and unhesitatingly stated that the lumber was from his mill, and moreover that it was delivered in the early morning, at 5 o'clock, a time chosen purposely so that the union men would not be present, and whence it came. He also said that he delivered material quite frequently at midnight for various jobs about the city.

HUNTING UNFAIR JOBS.
Upon learning these facts the union pickets began a still hunt, and it is very probable that work will soon be suspended on various structures about the city at an early date, unless some decisive action is taken immediately to settle the difficulties.

WILL CALL MEN OFF.
It is the intention of the members of the Building Trades Council to call all union men off of various jobs about the city whenever they become assured beyond a doubt that any material is being used from the mills against which the fight is being made.

BOYCOTT STILL ON.

"It has been reported to me that Mr. Hughes, foreman for the Ainsley mill, has been circulating a report around the city that I telephoned to him last night that the boycott on the planing mill is off. I wish to state that this is absolutely false. Who ever telephoned Mr. Hughes this information and using my name is a liar and coward."

"J. E. LEWTON,
Secretary B. F. C."

MAY PROVE A LOVE FEAST

Conference Tonight of Republican Senators.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WASHINGTON, June 18.—Unless all signs fail, the conference tonight of Republican Senators will result in postponing the Cuban reciprocity question until next winter, as announced Tuesday.

Of the 14 Republicans in the Senate, all of whom expected to attend the conference, there are said this morning to be 13 who will support a resolution authorizing President Roosevelt to negotiate the reciprocity treaty with Cuba, and to submit it for ratification at the next session. Much harmony, it is believed, will prevail, and instead of resulting in a party split, the conference will be virtually a love feast.

POLICE RECORD.

Jennie Violet, an old offender, is under arrest on a charge of threatening to kill Maggie Whitchee.

Detectives Day and Welner returned today from the chase after Tracy and Merrill, much disgusted at the mismanagement of the rural sheriffs.

Estelle Williams and George Tyler, negro garroters, were bound over in the police court this afternoon to appear before the Grand Jury.

Fritz Stashus, assault with intent to murder, is being examined this afternoon.

Roy Hogan is under arrest on a charge of seduction.

FREE BATHS OPEN.

The Portland Free Swimming Baths opened this morning with appropriate ceremonies. The entrance to the baths was crowded long before the time set for the opening. It is estimated that more than 200 boys were in swimming during the day.

Coast Mines Affected.

SEATTLE, June 18.—The mine operators of the Northwest are reported to be planning a secret session, presumably to combine and fight the spreading strike sentiment of the miners. The organizer of the United Mine workers from Eastern districts is said to be in Nanaimo, B. C., to secretly meet the men at the colliery there. Local dealers are ordering big supplies of coal in anticipation of trouble.

Coal Miners Perish.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
BERLIN, June 18.—Fire started today in a coal mine at Hungen, Hesse. It is believed 30 miners perished.

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Wheat, 72 5/8 and 71 1/2.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—Wheat, 82 1/4.

LATEST EDITION

L. D. SEAL'S DEFENSE

Says He and Others Were All Right.

L. D. Seal, who was with Will Morris when the latter was shot by a portion of the posse chasing the outlaws recently, called at The Journal office this morning and said:

"There is no truth in the report that we acted suspiciously in any way. We were watching for Tracy and Merrill and had a commanding view of a large stretch of open country. When we first saw the other members of the posse they were fully 500 yards away. First two men carrying guns came into view and then a third. We thought it was the outlaws at first and were discussing the matter when a fourth came into view. Looking closely we saw that one of the men (WALTER LYONS) WORE A WHITE COLLAR.

And were then satisfied that they were members of the posse. When we saw them taking aim at us we were much surprised and I immediately jumped behind a tree, telling Morris to do the same, but he was not quick enough, and got a bullet in the leg. This talk about our acting suspiciously is all bosh. We did not have our guns in our hands when the posse came into sight, or afterwards, and made no suspicious moves whatever.

WALLER ANGRY

Possibly May Be a Tragedy

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, June 18.—Major Waller, of Samar's fame, passed through Chicago today, en route to Washington. He denied, he said, he had made Samar a howling wilderness. He was considerably perturbed over the report that he would be called before another court-martial on account of his alleged interview in San Francisco.

POSSIBLY MAY BE A TRAGEDY

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NEW YORK, June 18.—Lewis Disbrow's statement of good ground for a tragedy in the accident in which Miss "Dimple" Lawrence and Clarence Foster were drowned, were given today to the Coroner, although Disbrow was not present. He says he was in love with the girl and was trying to defend her against Foster. He learned they were going boat-riding and protested, resulting in a fight with Foster, in which Disbrow was knocked senseless. When he recovered, the couple had disappeared. He then decided to disappear himself because he had passed bad checks.

VICIOUS MEDIUM.

A de Armus, a medium living at 157 First street, was arrested today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on W. J. Coffey, a solicitor. The latter has been wishing de Armus as lacking without pay. Wishing to leave Sunday Coffee removed his clothes, and in a dispute de Armus is alleged to have slashed him in the head with a knife.

PLOTTED TO KILL EDWARD

Journalists Seek to Deny the Report.

Excitement intense in the English Capital Over the Alarming News.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
LONDON, June 18.—A plan to assassinate King Edward has been discovered. The city is in a turmoil as a consequence. Intense excitement prevails.

LONDON, June 18.—The editors of the London newspapers say they had heard nothing of the rumors of the alleged plot, except through inquiries from the United States.

LONDON, June 18.—The story of rumors of the discovery of a plot to assassinate the King are unfounded. The seriousness of the King's illness is never questioned.

MOB REPULSED

Premier is Ill

VINCENNES, Ind., June 18.—An effort of a mob of 800 to lynch William Edson this morning failed. They were repulsed by the fire and police departments. Edson was taken to Terre Haute.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
LONDON, June 18.—Premier Salisbury is reported to be ill.

Would Affect All.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WILKESBARRE, June 18.—By a sympathetic strike every industry in the country will be directly affected. It is evident the policy of the operators has been to allow the strike to drift, with the possibility that the miners' organization might be broken by long suspension. In the meantime the anthracite markets of the country have become exhausted and the supply of soft coal is rushed into market. The miners, having played their last card in the anthracite field, necessarily turned to the bituminous coal for aid.

South Dakota Commencement.

(Journal Special Service.)
VERMILION, S. D., June 18.—Interesting commencement exercises were held this morning at South Dakota University. President Drovers conferred the degrees and Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago delivered the address. The exercises were followed by the annual alumni dinner.

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