

POSSE CLOSING ON THE BANDIT

Tracy Attempts to Board Freight Train—Shoots at His Pursuers.

SEATTLE, July 11.—Tracy has had another narrow escape.

About midnight he arrived at the plant of the Covington Sawmill Company, one mile from Covington, where Deputy Sheriff J. A. Bunce, F. C. Bunce, Galvin and Crowe were stationed.

The deputies were posted in a railroad cut quietly waiting developments, when they heard some one coming from the direction of Auburn. They waited till the unknown was very close when they ordered him to halt.

Tracy stopped and in answer to a question said, "My name is Anderson," and at once started to run when the Bunces, who had accosted him, opened fire, but without result.

A few yards farther on Crowe called out to an unknown man, to which the fleeing murderer coolly replied "a deputy," and at once opened fire at close range. Tracy then at once plunged into the brush, and disappeared.

At 5 o'clock this morning while a freight train going east was pulling up a stiff grade near Covington, the outlaw made an attempt to board it but as the train was light he failed and again retreated to the brush on the hill top which is surrounded by expert marksmen and woodsmen who are thoroughly familiar with the country.

Sheriff Cuddehe believes he has the outlaw now where his escape is impossible and the end is expected soon.

The railways are permitting the search of all trains so that even should the des-

perado escape the bloodhounds, who are now working on his trail, he is almost bound to be captured very soon.

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POSSES CLOSING IN.

SEATTLE, July 11.—From two sides of the creek above Covington the posses are closing in. They believe Tracy is between them. The hounds failed to follow the scent, although it is known to have been made by Tracy, and the guards say the ground is too dry.

Tracy met a girl and boy last night and asked the road to Palmer, and also which one led to Seattle. He appeared to be in bad shape, and his wonderful nerve seems to be gradually breaking under the strain. For the first time since his escape he now has the appearance of a hunted animal.

Rumors which were received at noon that he had been seen again near Kent proved to be without foundation.

Merrill is reported to have been seen five miles above where Tracy is supposed to be, but the officers are unable to confirm the report.

The Sheriff's posse is now better selected than ever before, and is expected to do effective work.

OUTLAW'S FLIGHT

Tracy Located Last Night in Woods Near Covington.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, July 11.—After leaving the Johnson home on Wednesday night, it is now certain that Tracy worked over the rough country southeast towards Covington.

Michael Dolan, of Auburn, who is universally acknowledged to be a clear-headed man, positively recognized Tracy in that vicinity yesterday afternoon.

In addition to this two young women who live near the Dolan farm, passed the cut on the county road, and their statement that he was traveling in the same direction as reported by Dolan,

renders it almost certain that no mistake has been made.

They say that when Tracy passed them he was walking slowly along the county road in the direction of Covington. He appeared to be tired and almost worn out.

The first thing that drew their attention was the peculiar way in which he walked—with a sort of limp—but on a closer view they discovered that the cause of his strange gait was that he was carrying his rifle slung in the right leg of his trousers, only the stock being visible at his waistband.

HIS FARTHER PROGRESS.

After passing the young ladies Tracy must have made straight for Covington, as a dispatch sent from Auburn at 1:15 a. m., by J. A. Bunce, says:

"Members of the Sheriff's posse exchanged shots with Tracy a few miles west of Covington at 11:40 p. m. He has been chased into the brush and the bounds are needed at once."

TRACY IN A TRAP.

The dogs were sent out early this morning and by the time day breaks will be on the spot where Tracy was last seen ready to take up what all hope will be the desperado's last trail. The escape of the outlaw now seems impossible. He is enclosed in a rough, triangular piece of country at the apex of which, toward the north, is Black River Junction. The west line of the enclosure is the line of the Seattle-Tacoma railroad, the eastern line is the branch line from Black River Junction to Black Diamond and the base is formed by the Green River.

Every yard of these lines is supposed to be now under surveillance and it is thought that at last the murderer has been taken in a net from which there is no escape.

THE SHERIFF'S PLAN.

Tracy, it is thought by Sheriff Cuddehe, is at present concealed on a slight eminence near Covington and it is believed that, worn out from loss of sleep, the outlaw has decided to make his last stand. The place where he is believed to be has been carefully surrounded and at a given signal a general advance will be made, when it is hoped that at last the long chase will end.

EXTRA FIGHT IS ON

Report That Tracy Has Shot Three Deputies.

(Journal Special Service.)

SEATTLE, July 11.—A telephone report at 2:15 says the fight is on, and three deputies have been shot.

SEATTLE, July 11—2:37 p. m.—At 1 o'clock Guard Carson, who is working the dogs after Tracy, says the fugitive is now but a short distance ahead. He is traveling east towards Palmer, having evidently been frightened by the numerous road guards, and is making wonderful speed. The posse now thinks he slept last night at Buckley Burns, an old district densely covered with brush and wood.

Tracy is traveling faster than at any time before. The posse has been kept on the run for some time, the dogs giving tongue always. The chase is now in dense woods. From four sides the posses are approaching a central point. The last posse has been organized by miners from Black Diamond.

A battle is expected when the posses close in.

SEATTLE, July 11 (2:15 p. m.)—From

DES MOINES STILL FLOODED

Three Thousand Are Homeless and Hungry.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

DES MOINES, Ia., July 11.—The flood situation here today is practically unchanged, although the great danger that threatened yesterday is not now imminent. The river in some places is two miles wide, and as the water is black and foul, it is feared that there will be an epidemic when the water recedes, as the sewers are all choked and sewage is filling the cellars.

Boats are the only means of travel in the flooded district and are necessary in reaching many houses which the occupants have refused to vacate.

Great destitution will prevail, and the 3000 victims will have to subsist on charity. Hundreds were compelled to sleep in the parks last night.

The property loss will exceed \$1,000,000.

The breaking of a levee in the factory district last night almost completely submerged 23 large brick buildings filled with costly machinery, and many smaller houses were washed away.

THEY'RE NOT MISSIONARIES

Wright Denies Story of Teachers Making Converts.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

WASHINGTON, July 11.—A cablegram has been received here from Acting Governor Wright, of the Philippines, denying that school teachers there are proselyting among the Catholics.

WAILING WOMEN SEEK THEIR DEAD

Heartrending Scenes at the Disaster in the Johnstown Mine.

The List of Dead May Reach Two Hundred—The Work of Rescuing Bodies Being Pushed—Death Came Like a Lightning Flash.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 11.—At dawn today the bodies of 40 victims of the Cambria mine horror were brought up. The rescue party counted 40 more but could not reach them on account of the deadly gas. A hundred more bodies are beyond in the impenetrable region of death, some say, while others place the estimate at 50 more, but it is safe to say the loss will pass 150 and may reach 200.

HEART RENDING SCENES.

The scenes around the mouth of the mine when the bodies were brought up were heart rending. The wives, mothers, and children of the dead had gathered early and when the first body appeared they made for it with pitiful shrieks and lamentations. The entire police force of the city and of the iron company were present to keep the frantic women back. The faces of the dead were a deep scarlet. All of the poor fellows had

THEIR STIFFENED HANDS uplifted close to their faces. The head of one was completely blown off.

SEVEN MORE DEAD.

At 5 o'clock seven additional bodies were brought up. Twenty-six in all have been identified. All the dead, it was proven, died while eating their lunches. They were seated in groups of five and 10 with their buckets, and the remains of their lunches scattered over the floor is evidence that their lives were snuffed out quickly. It is evident that fire damp of

TREMENDOUS FORCE swept down on the men with the speed of a high wind storm. The most of the victims were foreigners. Beyond the four men now in the hospital it is almost a certainty that not one man escaped alive.

WITH PITEOUS CRIES.

The work of identifying the victims was featured with scenes past description. Only the wives, children, or parents of the dead men were admitted to the morgue. The wives threw themselves upon the lifeless bodies of their husbands and their cries moved the stoutest hearts to tears. At noon 27 identifications had been made. An official statement issued by the mine officials says the explosion was due to fire damp.

MINIMIZE THE LOSS.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 11.—The officials of the Cambria Mining Company stated this morning that the list of dead would not exceed 80. The most rigid investigation of the disaster will be made as soon as possible.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION.

JOHNSTOWN, July 11.—It is believed another serious explosion has occurred in the Cambria mine and that one branch general rescuing party, including a number of physicians, are lost.

SEVENTEEN ESCAPED.

JOHNSTOWN, July 11.—Seventeen live men were found in the mines this afternoon. They secured air by breaking an air pipe. At 1 o'clock 87 bodies had been removed. The report of a second explosion is untrue.

CHICAGO STRIKERS

Are Willing to Arbitrate but the Railroads Still Hang Back.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

CHICAGO, July 11.—A nervous unrest is characterizing the attitude of the Union Teamsters and doubt is enshrouding the settlement of the freight handlers' strike

which still continues. It was announced last night that the railroads were willing to arbitrate, the freight handlers having agreed to abide by any decision arrived at by a local board of arbitration, but up to noon the representatives of the railroads had failed to appear at the appointed place. In view of recent developments the police fear that outbreaks will occur and 5,000 patrolmen are held in readiness for an instant call.

Lodge Will Install.

The newly elected officers of Peninsula Lodge No. 128, I. O. O. F., will be installed Saturday evening by District Deputy Grand Master Starr. The following were the officers elected: W. P. Reed, noble grand; E. N. Deady, vice-grand; George Hemstock, secretary; R. W. Heath, treasurer.

BEANTOWN IS PREFERRED

Seattle's Claims for Convention to Be Ignored.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

MINNEAPOLIS, July 11.—The executive committee of the National Educational Association convention today began the consideration of where to hold the next convention. This is never put to a vote of the delegates, but is decided by the executive committee and the board of directors.

Boston probably will be selected. Seattle, Wash., is the only other city seriously considered.

ENJOYS HIMSELF

The President Having a Jolly Time at His Country Home.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

OSTER BAY, L. I., July 11.—President Roosevelt disposed of a large amount of correspondence this morning, and then had a game of tennis with his children. A horseback ride, in which the entire family with the exception of Alice participated, followed. The President has received the pope's reply to Governor Taft's note, but will not make it public until the negotiations with the Vatican are finished.

DESTROYING FISH TRAPS

The Alaska Fisheries Must Not Become Depleted.

TACOMA, July 11.—Under orders from Washington, Treasury Department officers have begun the destruction of all fish traps on the Alaskan Coast. The traps at Auk and Eagle Rivers have been destroyed, and all canneries have been notified to provide artificial hatcheries, as the law requires.

NO SELECTION TODAY

Probable That Fair Site Question Will Be Postponed.

♦ The probability is that the executive committee of the Lewis and Clark ♦ Fair will not make a selection of the site this afternoon, as was ♦ anticipated.

♦ There are two reasons why a postponement of action is urged. The ♦ offer of the Ladd tract adjoining Hawthorne Park for a site has caused a ♦ change of sentiment in its favor, and some of the committee desire more ♦ time to consider it. President H. W. Corbett is out of the city, and Vice ♦ President H. W. Scott is attending the Chautauqua session today, so that ♦ the committee feels that it would not be proper to make a selection in the ♦ absence of these officials.

♦ The offer of the Ladd estate has put a new phase on the site question, ♦ and it is likely that if a postponement is had the merits of the location ♦ will be thoroughly gone into by the committee, though it is certain that ♦ all the members of the subcommittee will not change their views. A. L. ♦ Mills still favors the City Park above all other sites, regardless of the ♦ Ladd offer, and it is not likely that he will change his opinion. Mr. ♦ Mills, however, thinks a postponement of the selection is advisable, ♦ in view of the absence of Messrs. Corbett and Scott.

THE FRISCO EDITORS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Editors Spreckels and Leake of the San Francisco Call today applied to the Supreme Court for writs of habeas corpus, requesting their release from custody. The writs were promptly refused by Chief Justice Beatty, and they must stand trial in Los Angeles County for libels on Governor Gage.

Argument began this morning in the Superior Court before Judge Sloss on a writ of prohibition requested by Governor Gage to prevent Police Judge Fritz from trying the libel case. The Governor and both defendants were present.

CLAIMS SOLD IN YUKON

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

TACOMA, July 11.—A half interest in the Klondike States Corporation, owning 35 rich claims in the Klondike district, has been sold for \$750,000 to a London syndicate, which will expend \$500,000 in development work.

Westerman Fined.

After two trials in the Municipal Court, Henry Westerman was adjudged guilty yesterday by Judge Hogue, of handling adulterated milk.

There was no doubt whatever that the milk taken from the defendant's wagon was adulterated, but the defense was a technical one. Attorney Dittchenburg, for the defense, filed notice of an appeal.

THE KING IS ANXIOUS

Edward Is Worrying Much Over the Postponed Coronation.

LIVERPOOL, July 11.—The Post today, speaking of the King's illness, says he is so anxious to hurry on the coronation that it may be held on August 9. The doctors believe it would be an advantage to have it as soon as possible, as his Majesty is worrying himself a great deal about the subject.

STILL GROWING BETTER.

LONDON, July 11.—The King continues to sleep well, and is improving in every respect.

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