

EX-OREGON PASTOR LEADS JAIL BREAK

HERB WILSON, CONVICTED OF MURDER, ESCAPES FROM LOS ANGELES JAIL

Master Criminal, Formerly Pastor at Brownsville, Oregon, With Two Cell Mates, Makes Sensational Getaway in Early Morning Hours—Wilson's Pal, 'The Mouse' Prevents Minister From Murdering Assistant Jailer—Three Men Hold Up Mail Automobile and Escape—Jailer Badly Beaten and Boy Shot in Getaway—Armed Posse and Flying Police Squad in Pursuit—Never Taken Alive Is Belief.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—Herbert Wilson, known by police and federal operatives as a "master criminal" convicted of murder of his pal, Herbert Cox, escaped from the county jail here today with another convicted murderer, Adam Ward and Guido Spignola, held in connection with robbery of a number of oil stations and chain grocery stores here.

The trio outside the county jail held up a postoffice employe and taking his automobile from him, escaped. The jail break was carefully timed for just before 7 o'clock when the guards had been taken from the guards just before changing shifts. The jail breakers beat up the night turnkey, Henry Purrier, after having held up two inside guards.

Squads of uniformed officers, the flying squad and scores of deputy sheriffs were called into the man hunt, prepared to shoot at sight in the belief that the escaped trio are the most desperate fugitives that local police have been called to deal with, they say.

The jail breakers were armed with revolvers, evidently smuggled in by a friend.

Boy Is Wounded. Investigation revealed that only three escaped. Purrier's injuries necessitated the taking of three stitches in his head. Many times since Wilson's arrest, reports have come to the authorities that friends of the former evangelist were planning to deliver him, and it was current jail gossip that he never would permit himself to be taken to San Quentin.

Thomas Forno, a twelve-year-old boy, playing in the street in front of the county jail, was wounded by two stray bullets fired during the jail break. His injuries were not considered critical. Adam Ward, one of the jail breakers, was also known as Adam Blayck and convicted here September 15 and sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the murder of Nancy Wheelock, an aged woman who was strangled to death.

Spignola, the third of the jail breakers, was arrested in Seattle in connection with the robbery of a Standard Oil station here February 27 last of \$83,000. He was tried and convicted and sentenced to one to fifty years in San Quentin penitentiary.

"The Mouse" Prevents Murder. The start of the jail break was a request by Spignola, known in the jail as "The Mouse," to Elmer Condon, one of the assistant inside jailers, to open the tank of the third floor to take some soiled laundry.

As Condon opened the steel door, Spignola leaped out upon him and pinned his arms against his body. Wilson also leaped out and jerked Condon's pistol from the holster. Wilson was about to shoot the pinned guard when "The Mouse" interceded.

"No, no! Don't add murder to this," he exclaimed. Wilson and Spignola then ran down the stairway to the first floor where they encountered Henry Purrier, the night turnkey. He was struck four heavy blows on the head and knocked unconscious. Harry Glaze, another assistant jailer, was encountered and the jail breakers

forced him into a closet. The jail breakers took the keys from Purrier and unlocked the two doors in front of the jail and then locked them behind them. They ran east to the vicinity of the federal main postoffice, then leaped into the automobile of a postoffice employe named story and sped away.

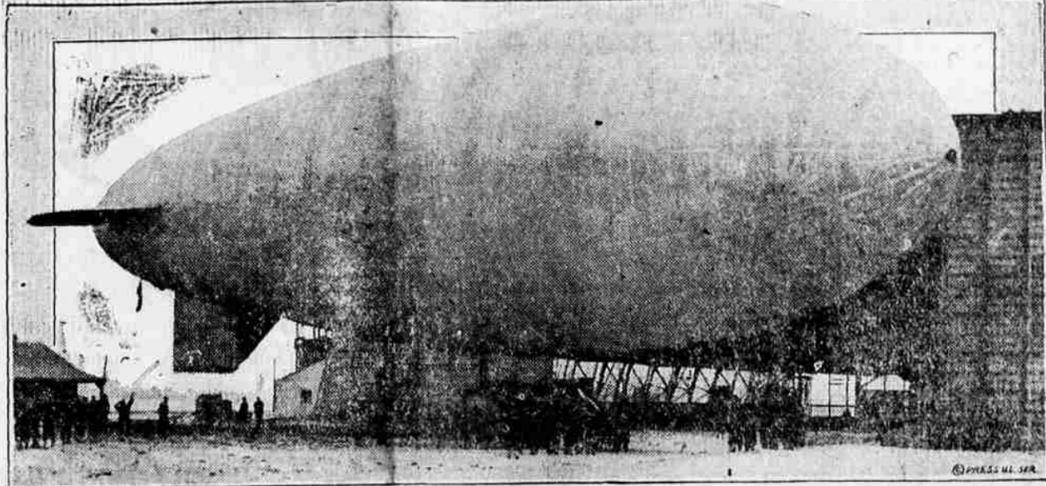
Alarm Is Spread. Glaze, breaking from the closet, reached a telephone and spread the general alarm. Wilson, recently convicted of the slaying of his companion, was being held in the county jail pending an appeal in his case. A clergyman and singing evangelist, Wilson hails from London, Ont., and at one time held a pastorate in Brownsville, Ore. He was arrested here early this year by federal officers investigating the robbery here March 2 last year of a mail truck in which a large quantity of valuables was taken. The trial by federal and state officers led through a series of other mail robberies and department store burglaries throughout the country.

Last April while Wilson and Cox were confined in the county jail with Eddie Farrell, also known as Eddie O'Brien, held in connection with the looting of a mail truck in Toledo, O., of nearly a million dollars in cash and valuables, Sheriff Attache here received word of an attempted jail break.

Murdered Jail Mate. Deputies were stationed at every possible means of egress from the jail and when the attempted break occurred, Farrell was first captured in the corridors of a court room building near the jail. Deputies hearing a shot, rushed onto the bridge between the jail and the court room and found Cox wounded and dying on the floor, and Wilson standing over him.

"Herb did it," Cox gasped before he lapsed into unconsciousness and death. Farrell was sent to Toledo to face trial by federal authorities. Wilson was tried by state authorities on a charge of murder and it was upon this count that he was convicted and was awaiting hearing of an appeal when he escaped today.

Giant U. S. Dirigible C-2 Which Burned at San Antonio Today



DIRIGIBLE C-2 BURNS, SIX ARE INJURED

Giant Gas Bag, First to Cross United States, Falls in Flames at San Antonio While On Return Trip—Texas Norther Causes Disaster—Bag Total Loss.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 17.—A Texas "norther" which came whistling down today was primarily the cause of the destruction of the giant dirigible C-2, pride of the air service, and the serious injury of several occupants. A sudden gust of wind threw the big envelope of the dirigible against the doors of the hangar at Brooks field, resulting in an explosion which left the aircraft a mass of smoking and tangled wreckage.

The injured are Maj. H. A. Strauss, commander, slightly bruised; Sergeant A. D. Albrecht, engineer, broken leg; Major John MacD. Thompson, eighth corps area headquarters, broken arm; Captain Nelson Walker, aide to Major General John L. Hines, bruises about the face; Ben Baines, reporter, broken arm; Sergeant Harry Bills, broken leg in giving aid to those in the car. Lieutenant O. A. Anderson, pilot of the C-2 was unharmed.

Ordered Dirigible Back. At the time of the accident the dirigible was being maneuvered from the giant hangar built for the ill-fated Roma. Realizing that the current of wind caused by the "norther" made further advance hazardous to the safety of the C-2 Major Strauss had just ordered the dirigible back into the hangar. At that time it was about one-half clear of the big doors.

Just at this juncture the wind struck the bag a violent blast and a small portion of the fabric, to which was attached one of the guide ropes, tore out. A second rope guide snapped under the added strain and a third rope guide pulled loose. The gust of wind swung the big bag upwards and to one side, where it struck on the concrete door frames.

When the air mingled with the hydrogen gas with which the bag was filled it probably ignited. However, there were electric wires on the doors which may have caused the spark. Lieutenant Anderson said. The gasoline ignited when the bag exploded so that almost instantly the dirigible was a mass of flames.

Passengers heard the hissing of the gas and a few moments later the gas, from some unknown reason, became ignited, going up in a flash. The bag burned and the car dropped to the ground, throwing the passengers to the concrete floor.

Police ambulances and emergency cars and ambulances rushed to the scene.

En Route East. CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The C-2 was the first craft of the dirigible type to complete the trans-continental trip over the United States, starting from Langley Field, Newport News, Va., at 12:25 a. m. September 14, the ship made air history by flying to Ross Field, Arcadia, Calif., with only six stops en route, reaching the Pacific coast at 6:58 a. m. September 23.

ed the same promise from each—to remain single until thirty—when \$100,000 each would be their reward. The rule was so rigid that no young men were to be entertained in the Krypt home.

Last week Josephine, who had signed contracts for European appearances this winter with various symphony orchestras, said she had an appointment with a dentist and left the Krypt residence. Her message from Boston was the first word her father received since.

He told Marie if she contemplated association with any of the young men of her acquaintance, the rule governing the Krypt parlor would be cancelled.

AIRMAN BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN SPEED HISTORY

U. S. Army Lieutenant Startles Aerial World By Flying 248.5 Miles An Hour—Flight Without Wings Even More Sensational.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Oct. 17.—Aeronautical engineers and army and navy experts at Selfridge Field were speculating today as to what might be the next unheard of aerial feat. They came here a week ago prepared for surprises, but none had expected to see a human being plunge through space at nearly 400 feet a second, nor had they expected to see an airplane flown virtually without the aid of wings.

This was the performance yesterday of Lieutenant R. L. Maughan of the army who on Saturday won the Pulitzer air classic. Flying a Curtiss army biplane, with which he was victorious Saturday, Lieutenant Maughan yesterday traveled one kilometer at the rate of 248.5 miles an hour, surpassing by more than 32 miles the previous official record and making the distance 28 miles an hour faster than any unrecognized mark previously recorded.

The pilot's great speed was even surpassed in the opinion of some of the engineers, by his "flight without wings."

During the Pulitzer race Lieutenant Maughan's pylon work startled many of the pilots on the field. At more than 200 miles an hour, he would tilt his machine on one side for a considerable distance then complete the 120 degree turn upside down. This aroused speculation as to the distance a machine might be flown on its side, a position in which the plans had little or nothing to do with keeping it in the air.

Lieutenant Maughan believed this might be developed and demonstrated by a flight across Selfridgefield, a distance of about a mile, that under conditions a plane might be flown in that position for a much greater distance than usually is required in making turns. It appeared that the speed of the powerful motor was sufficient to pull the machine through the air and at the same time hold it aloft. The feat probably will have an important bearing on future wing designs, it was said.

The plane, built by the Curtiss corporation, mounts a 400 horsepower Curtiss engine and is similar in design to the machines that finished in the first four places in the Pulitzer trophy race.

WOLGAMOT CASE AT SALEM DISMISSED

SALEM, Oct. 17.—(Special to Mail Tribune)—The supreme court at Salem today dismissed the Wolgamot prohibition law case from Jackson county on stipulation because of the defendant's death.

Supreme Ct. Holds Bonus Money Goes To Veteran's Widow

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 17.—Bonus claims of men entitled to state compensation under the terms of the Oregon bonus law automatically revert to the widow or next of kin of the veteran, the state supreme court ruled in an opinion handed down in the case of Margaret Crane, administratrix of the estate of Fred H. Crane, vs. the state bonus commission. Mrs. Crane sought payment of her husband's bonus claim to his estate, but her plea was denied by the Marion county circuit court. The supreme court sustained the lower court in refusing to order the claim paid to Crane's estate, but held that Mrs. Crane, as widow of the veteran, is entitled to the bonus money.

PITIFUL STREAM REFUGEES FLEE FROM THRACE

ADRIANOPLE, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press). Thirty thousand Greeks and Armenians have passed from this city to the west since Saturday and the road between here and the Maritza river is an unbroken line of men, women and children with ox carts, cattle and camels.

Through a steady downpour of rain they are plodding toward their unknown destinations, driven forward by the nameless fear which has gripped the whole populace of eastern Thrace since the government's bulletins were posted on Saturday, announcing the terms of the Mudania armistice, which provide for occupation of the province by the Turks within 45 days.

The members of the allied missions stationed here declared the extent of the refugee exodus indicates that the Turks upon their entry will find eastern Thrace almost uninhabited. The procession has been orderly but the misery of the refugees is already extreme, and pneumonia will claim many victims if the present inclement weather continues.

When, on Saturday, the Greek civil authorities attempted to reassure the people by stating that the Turkish gendarmerie would not arrive for 15 days, the Christian inhabitants simply refused to believe them. Nearly all the Christians in Adrianople gathered up all they could carry either on their backs or on ox carts and as soon as possible were off.

Meanwhile from the countryside a similar exodus is under way and every road leading to the Maritza is jammed with humanity, cattle and wagons. This whole flood converges upon a single road as it approaches the Karagatch bridge across the Maritza.

The refugees believe that if they can reach Karagatch they will be safe from the Turks. This small village, which is just across the boundary, will be in neutral territory until the peace conference decides its fate.

Although the railway is moving a

GOMPERS GIVES LABOR'S VIEW TO AMERIC'N LEGION

Organized Labor's Attitude Toward War Is Outlined Before Legion Convention—Red Cross Head Speaks—Foreign Heroes Greeted.

CONVENTION HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press). The American Legion at a long session today heard its aspirations and achievements praised by a dozen speakers, including distinguished visitors from European nations, and selected San Francisco as its 1923 convention city.

Kenasaw M. Landis, baseball commissioner, and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, sat on the platform with the legion officials. Mr. Gompers was the principal speaker of the morning session.

Mr. Gompers reiterated the attitude of the American Federation of Labor "in peace or in war."

"That position, he declared, had not changed since 1917 when America was about to enter the world war and an extract from the federation's official pronouncement at that time was read to the convention. It said:

"Trade unions of America in national conference assembled in the capital of our nation, hereby pledge ourselves in peace or in war, in stress or in storm, to stand unreservedly by the standards of liberty and the safety and preservation of the institutions and ideals of our republic."

"In this solemn hour of our nation's life, it is our earnest hope that our republic may be safeguarded in its unswerving desire for peace \* \* \*. But should our country be drawn into conflict, we offer our services to our country in every field of activity to defend, safeguard and preserve the republic of the United States of America against its enemies, whosoever they may be."

An impressive ceremony marked the opening of the session when the silted colors of national headquarters of the legion were brought to the platform and the convention stood with bared heads.

Grand Old Man. Hanford MacNider introduced Mr. Gompers as "the grand old man of labor," than whom he said, "the legion had no better friend."

Mr. Gompers said it had been one of his great endeavors to promote the spirit of comradeship between the legion and the federation.

After presentation of the national colors to the delegates at the opening of the morning session, Commander MacNider presented John Barton Payne, national head of the American Red-Cross.

Mr. Payne said the Red Cross was "not a cult" but "the heart throb of the nation, without creed or color."

Commissioner John T. Tigert of the federal bureau of education then extended greetings to the legion. He endorsed the legion's rehabilitation and hospitalization program. The men who came back from France, Mr. Tigert said, were disillusioned when

Plane Crashes in Streets S. Antonio, Aviator Is Killed

SAN ANTONIO, Oct. 17.—Lieutenant Walter A. Hall, 27, was crushed to death at 9:10 a. m. today when his airplane fell 500 feet. The aviator was flying over the southern part of the city and the machine crashed at the intersection of two paved highways. Hall, who occupied a single-seater machine, was stationed at Kelley Field. He was married, his wife residing here.

VLADIVOSTOK IS NEAR CAPTURE BY BOLSHIVIKI

TOKIO, Oct. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Special dispatches from Vladivostok report that city in imminent danger of invasion by soviet troops. Members of the Vladivostok "white government" have boarded a steamer ready to depart. General Dieterichs, commander of the "white" army is reported to have retreated to the Russo-Chinese border.

PEKING, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—Troops of the "red" army representing the Far Eastern republic of Siberia supposedly have crushed the "white" or so-called Kappellist Siberian army on the edge of the northern Manchurian border, according to official information from Harbin received by the Chita agent here.

The reports say the Chita troops defeated the anti-soviet army of General Dieterichs in a battle immediately west of Nikolok. The red invaders then occupied Nikolok and later advancing westward, entered Grodekova.

Five thousand Kappellists in 150 trains retired to Progranchniva, on the Manchurian frontier, where they were disbanded by the Chinese.

By these successes the "reds" are reported holding the railroad north and west of Nikolok with the "whites" separated.

VIOLINIST'S DAUGHTER LOSES \$100,000 WHEN SHE WEDS BOSTON COMPOSER

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Her father's promise of \$100,000 if she remained unmarried until she was thirty was an inducement to Josephine Krypt for six years, but six years remained when she met Paul Taylor White, a music composer of Boston. A message signed "Mrs. Paul Taylor White" announced that Josephine had broken her pact with her father. Six years ago, Josephine, then 18, was a promising violin student under the tutelage of Yeays, and her sister, Marie, then 14, was an accomplished pianist. Their father, Bohumir Krypt, himself a noted musician, had great ambitions of careers for his daughters, so great that he exact-

PUBLIC HEALTH IS ENDANGERED BY WHOLESAL DRINKING OF MOONSHINE

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Widespread drinking of "moonshine" has become an important public health problem, J. H. Doran, head of the industrial alcohol and chemical division of the federal prohibition commissioner's office, told the pure food and drug section of the Public Health association in session here today. An analysis of illicit liquors shows that the essential difference between moonshine and aged in wood whiskies is in the aldehyde content, he said.

"The effects of the aldehydes on the human system appear to be very harmful," Mr. Doran declared. "These are eliminated only by fractionating in an alcohol drum or long ageing in wooden barrels. Many illicit liquors are found to be contaminated with salts of zinc and copper. Casual surveys of the press must impress everyone with the vicious character of the illicit liquor. Its use is sufficiently widespread to become a matter that vitally concerns the public health."