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OREGON JONES KILLED IN PRISON BREAK

THREE DEAD 2 WOUNDED IN GETAWAY

Bloodiest Prison Tragedy in History of Pacific Coast Is Enacted at Salem Pen—Ellsworth Kelly, Jim Murray and James Willos, Heavily Armed, Pursued by Poses.

SALEM, Aug. 13.—Two guards and one convict were shot dead, and another guard perhaps fatally wounded in a break at the Oregon penitentiary about 6 o'clock last night that will doubtless be recorded as one of the bloodiest prison tragedies in the history of the Pacific Coast.

The dead are: J. M. Holman, 55 years old, guard, John Sweeney, 69, guard, Bert (Oregon) Jones, escaping convict.

Lute Savage, another guard, received a bullet through his body that entered just below the heart.

Ellsworth Kelly, Jim Murray and James Willos, all desperate men, are at large, all heavily armed, and pursued by posses of deputy sheriffs, police officers, volunteers and military troopers of the Oregon National Guard commanded by Maj. Tom Riley.

The shot that killed Guard Sweeney was fired from the turnkey's office where the break centered, while Holman was shot from the yard with a shotgun. Half a dozen bullet holes are in the north window of the office in line with guard position number 1 where the guards were killed.

Jones Killed by Davison. "Oregon" Jones, notorious from previous breaks, was shot dead by John Davison, 65-year-old frontiersman and veteran prison guard, slayer of the desperate "Tiger" Johnson at Walla Walla penitentiary several years ago and whose unerring rifle about three years ago ended the life of Jim Ogle, robber who killed J. N. Burgess and George Peringer of Pendleton in the Claremont Tavern hold-up in Portland in November, 1923.

Because of his record as a guard, Davison was hated by the more desperate class of convicts, who gave him the sobriquets of "Shooting" Davison and "Slaughter House John." There is a bit of irony in the fact that "Oregon" Jones and not John Davison is dead, for the veteran guard was one of the first men attacked by the escaping desperadoes, but Davison almost paralyzed Murray, their leader, with a kick in the abdomen, then ran for his rifle, which he used effectively for a few minutes later.

Break at Dinner Time. The break started about 5 minutes before 6 o'clock. Murray, Jones, Kelly and Willos were working in the yard when the supper call was sounded. Instead of going to the dining room, the four went to their cells, later contriving to get together. The count at this time of the day is made as the men leave the dining room, not as they enter, which accounts for the fact that they were not missed. They went to the north wing of the building on the east side and worked their way to the top of the fourth tier of cells. This is near the roof. Here, with knives doubtless made from files, they cut through six boards and the tin cover of the roof. On the roof they made their way to the west end of the building and by means of ropes stolen from some of the buildings and spliced together, lowered themselves to the ground in the front yard, sliding down the rope between the two front windows. By a peculiarity of architecture this point cannot be seen from either guard post No. 1 or No. 7, which guard the front premises. This identical means of escape has been used before, once several years ago by Jeff Baldwin, a notorious char-

acter. (Continued on page six.)

6000 Barrels Beer Valued at \$100,000 Seized in New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Three carloads of beer were seized today by prohibition officials, bringing to 6,000 barrels the amount seized within the past thirty days by agents in their activities against what Prohibition Director Merrick termed a tidal wave of incoming beer. The beverage seized during the thirty days was estimated to be worth \$100,000.

SANDEFER GAVE ALARM IN PEN BREAK AT SALEM

Former Dry Agent in Jackson County Fired On by Convicts But Escapes to Insane Asylum—Warden Dalrymple On the Job.

SALEM, Aug. 13.—Some one hundred and twenty-five possmen are this morning combing the swampy country in the vicinity of Pratum, eight miles east of Salem, for some trace of the three convicts who last night made their escape from the Oregon penitentiary after killing two guards and seriously wounding another.

The men were last seen entering the brushy swamp along Pudding river, two miles east of Pratum, by the taxi driver and his passenger whom the fugitives forced to drive them that far.

One of the trio is thought to be seriously wounded and all are heavily armed. Farmers throughout the entire section have been warned and are joining the search.

The posses are under the general direction of Deputy Warden Lilley and Major Tom Riley of the national guard. All have been instructed to shoot to kill any of the three on sight.

Officers are confident that the men are still in the vicinity, arguing that Murray is apparently in no condition to travel and that his companions would probably be loathe to desert their leader so early in the chase.

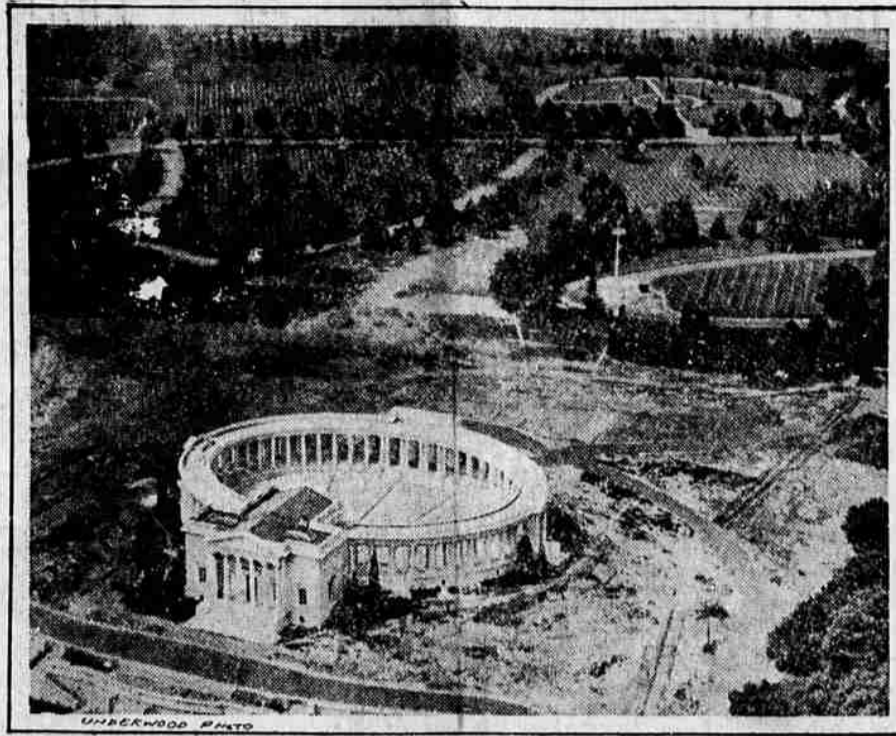
An ex-convict in a large automobile was seen just outside the prison gate last night by Warden Dalrymple just about the time the break occurred. There is a suspicion that he was in collusion with the escaping desperadoes and that he intended to hasten them away in the car. The warden believes they were trying to locate the automobile when he opened fire from the garage.

The first clue as to the whereabouts of the fugitives was obtained today when information came that the Standard Oil distributing station at Silverton was broken into during the night by the lock being shot off the door. The place was ransacked and a small amount of money was taken from a till.

Sandefur in Action. Additional details of the escape were related at the prison today. One of the first guards to rush to the relief of post No. 1 was E. B. Sandefur. He, however, was off shift and unarmed. He found Holman and Davison in the post. Holman wounded and Davison using Holman's gun. Sandefur asked for a gun and was informed there was no other to be had. Holman asked for a doctor and Sandefur started running to the state hospital as the nearest place to get a physician. (Sandefur was formerly special dry agent in Jackson county and well known throughout southern Oregon.) "I heard a bullet whizz past me," said Sandefur, "and I looked back. Here came the three of them and I speeded up. They must have fired five or six times at me. I reached the hospital and gave the alarm, but

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Last Resting Place of William Jennings Bryan



The grave of William Jennings Bryan is in Arlington National cemetery, near the section shown in this picture. The Arlington amphitheater is in the foreground, at the right is the masthead of the ill-fated battleship Maine, marking the resting place of sailors who died when the Maine was blown up. Arlington is across the Potomac from Washington, D. C.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(U. S. Bureau of Markets)—38 cars received from California and 17 from New York by boat. Some in mixed cars; market slightly stronger. California Bartlett's in boxes, 40 cars, best, \$2.00 to \$3.05; some fancy, \$3.10 to \$4.20; ordinary, \$2.35 to \$2.55; poor, \$2.00 to \$2.25; ripe, \$1.50 to \$1.95; mostly \$2.25 to \$2.45; average, \$2.38.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—27 cars pears from California arrived. Thirty-six cars on track including broken; 26 cars sold. California Bartlett's, 10,751 boxes, \$1.50 to \$3.15; mostly \$2.00 to \$2.50.

BEND WOMAN CARRIES OUT THREATS TO LEAVE HER HUSBAND'S HOME

BEND, Ore., Aug. 13.—After repeated threats that she would "some day disappear and that it would do no good to look for her," Mrs. Mary Davis, 50, wife of B. E. Davis, butter-maker for the Central Oregon Farmers Creamery, left her home here and was last seen disappearing over the hill to the rear of her house at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Her husband, on arriving home at 7 o'clock last evening, found a note which read: "Don't look for me, it will do no good."

Davis at once started a search for his missing wife, believing she may have attempted to destroy herself as a result of illness of months' duration.

Neighbors tracked the woman to within 200 feet of the Deschutes river, where they lost the trail. The search is continuing.

Released From Jail, Convict Kills Woman, Then Kills Himself

STOCKTON, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—E. Pedrosa, of Pittsburg, Cal., closed his first day of freedom from the Contra Costa county jail by stabbing Mrs. Maclovita Figueroa to death last night with a hunting knife in a local rooming house and then plunging the knife into himself. Pedrosa died on the way to the hospital. No cause for the murder and suicide could be learned by the police.

The Noted Dead

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 13.—After 26 years as keeper of the lighthouse at North Head, Wash., Alexander Persimon, 68, died at his post of duty last night.

The veteran lighthouse keeper had been in the United States for 44 years and was continuously in the federal service after his arrival from Finland, first as an interpreter at Ellis Island immigration station, later as keeper at Tillamook rock light house, and since that at North Head.

His health had been failing since his wife took her life two years ago by plunging from the cliffs in front of the light house.

PRES'T TURKEY DISCARDS WIFE OF TWO YEARS

Kemal Pasha Finds Latife Hanoum Too Assertive for Domestic Felicity—Latter Flees to Wealthy Father—Divorce Is Decreed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, president of the Turkish republic, has discarded his wife, Latife Hanoum.

An official statement said that the president decided to separate from his wife and has issued a decree pronouncing a divorce effective from Aug. 5.

No reasons are given officially for the divorce, but public rumor has been busy for some time concerning the relations of the president. The divorce is attributed in some quarters to a tendency to masterfulness by Madame Latife and to her desire to mix in matters which her husband considered outside of her sphere. A serious disagreement became evident two weeks ago when Madame Latife left hurriedly to rejoin her parents. All the commissars for the Turkish government were present to bid her adieu except the president.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha was married January 29, 1923, to Latife Hanoum, daughter of Mouameron Chaki Bey, a wealthy merchant of Smyrna. The daughter is said to have brought in a dowry of one million Turkish lire. A few months later Madame Latife, known as a believer in women's rights, was proposed as a deputy to the Turkish parliament from Constantinople by women of that city who were indignant over the unsuccessful proposal of the Deputy Sallah Effendi to make marriage obligatory.

SPROULE PLANS RAIL EXTENSIONS TO MEXICO

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific said today on his return from abroad that if conditions in Mexico remain favorable the 1500 miles of railroad the company is building to connect the west coast of the United States as far north as Portland, Ore., with Mexico City, would be opened in the fall of 1926. Work of piercing the mountains is being carried out and when completed the line will be one of the most picturesque routes in the world.

Here's A New College Club

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Richard Hart, of Great Falls, Mont., announced today that a new requirement for initiation into the Montana club of Northwestern university, demands that the applicant travel to college from his native state in a cattle car.

BASEBALL SCORES

Table of baseball scores for American and National leagues, including Philadelphia, Washington, Pittsburgh, and Greenfield.

LET CONTRACT FOR W. C. T. U. FARM

SALEM, Aug. 13.—The state board of control today approved contracts let by the W. C. T. U. farm for children near Corvallis for a school building to cost about \$15,000 and a cottage to cost a contract price of \$14,952.73. The state appropriated \$23,000 for the school building, and the excess cost will be paid by the W. C. T. U. L. N. Traver, of Corvallis, was awarded the contract to build the school building and Heckert and Son, of Corvallis, the cottage.

DYING R. R. OPERATOR REFUSES TO QUIT POST

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 13.—Facing death from a sudden illness yesterday, Kavanaugh Jacobs, night telegraph operator for the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad at Monongahela, near here, threw on the red signals to stop all trains a few minutes before he fell across his key, dead from an attack of acute indigestion. Trains on the division were halted for more than an hour until another operator could be sent to man the wire.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The closing was strong. Mack Trucks soared to 29 1/2 in the final hour. DuPont jumped seven points and New York, Ontario and Western Common and Preferred, Westinghouse Air Brake, Fisher Body and International Shoe sold 3/4 to 5 points higher.

California and Montana Shaken Again, But No Serious Damage

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—An earthquake shock not heavy enough to be generally perceptible, occurred here about 6:15 o'clock this morning.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 13.—Helena and vicinity was shaken at 3:30 this morning by a slight earthquake of about the same intensity as one last night at 7:50. No damage is reported.

Home Canned Peas Fed to Chickens With Fatal Results

EUGENE, Aug. 13.—Mrs. Byrd Land of Creswell opened a can of home canned peas for her supper last night, but they didn't look just right. After careful consideration she decided not to put them on the table.

She threw them into the chicken pen. Seventy-five young chickens and one old hen died after eating them.

DAYTON STARTS DRIVE FOR ANTI-MONKEY SCHOOL

DAYTON, Tenn., Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Organization of the William J. Bryan Memorial Association here last night was marked by denunciation of Clarence Darrow by A. T. Stewart, prosecuting attorney in the Scopes evolution trial, and a denial by Judge John T. Raulston, who presided at the hearing, of charges by Mr. Darrow that the judge had used the trial to further his political interests.

The association, formed for the purpose of erecting a fundamentalist school here in memory of Mr. Bryan, set as a goal the raising of one and a half million dollars for buildings and five millions for the endowment of the proposed institution.

Mr. Darrow, who served as a defense attorney in the John T. Scopes trial, was denounced by Mr. Stewart as "the greatest menace present day civilization has to deal with."

"I do not believe there would be a serious clash between religion and science," the attorney said, "if it were not for the Godless Darrow and his ilk spreading their propaganda and trying to destroy faith in the Bible. His doctrine is a curse. Unless the people of this land suppress him, more evil will be done."

Judge Raulston declared that Mr. Darrow's statement that he had used his fundamentalist beliefs to further his political interests was "without justification."

"If I seek re-election," he said, "it will be wholly on my record as judge and I don't believe Mr. Darrow's sarcasm can prejudice the minds of the people of this state."

Mr. Darrow now refers to me as being ignorant and intimates that I am unworthy of the office which I now hold. I prefer that the latter question be referred to the people in my district rather than to him."

To Kill 4000 Head of Cattle Infected With Hoof Disease

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Extirpation of all livestock in the foot and mouth disease infected area south of Houston began today. Firing squads expected to kill and bury by tonight, 300 head of cattle. The work will continue until all the cattle in the quarantine zone are slain. The number is estimated at between 3,000 and 4,000. Most of them are range cattle which will have to be rounded up, but there are some dairy herds slated for slaughter.

None of the cattle slaughtered today have the disease, but they are in an area where they might have been exposed to the contagion.

KLANSMEN THROW TEAR BOMBS BUT ARE ROUNDED UP BY STATE POLICE

READING, Mass., Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—After racing over the roads from four different barracks, a strong force of state troops mobilized here today and stamped out a Ku Klux Klan riot. Before their arrival, several tear bombs had been hurled, a score of Klansmen and anti-Klansmen had been fired on, two alleged Klansmen were arrested.

SEARCH FOR CONVICTS IS SAD AFFAIR

Precious Hours Lost by Hazard Pursuit of Salem Murderers—Amateur Detectives and Excited Citizens Join in Chase—Three Suspects Seen Near Silverton.

SALEM, Aug. 13.—With nothing seen, heard nor indicated as to the exact whereabouts of Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, convicts who succeeded in making their escape from the Oregon state penitentiary here last night after killing two guards and wounding another, since 8 o'clock last evening when they deserted the taxicab they had commandeered and disappeared into the marshy lands near Pratum, eight miles east of here, the man hunt this afternoon had settled down to a waiting game.

Some of the possmen, craving excitement, were getting restless and were drifting back to their homes, allowing some order to shape itself in the conduct of the search which throughout the night and morning was more or less a haphazard and demoralized affair.

Just before noon newspaper reports from the section where the search is going on estimated that between 150 and 200 armed men were participating in parties of from three or four up to twenty, most of them operating independently and with no general supervision.

Warden Dalrymple had five men headed by Wright Gardner, prison guard and experienced woodsman, on the ground operating under the direction of his office.

George L. Cleaver, former state prohibition commissioner, and four men were conducting still another campaign.

Added to all of these innumerable groups of farmers and other volunteers seeking excitement were wandering here and there, but no clues were reported.

About 10 o'clock this morning Deputy Warden Lilly left for the scene of the hunt to see if some more effective organization could not be effected that would co-ordinate the efforts of all and try to eliminate some of the volunteers.

Prison authorities looking back over the previous attempt of Murray and Kelly to escape, this afternoon expressed the opinion that the fugitives would likely adopt the same tactics they used upon the former occasions, lie in hiding during daylight and travel at night, also doing their foraging for food under the cover of darkness by robbing country stores or raiding farm houses.

According to these calculations the convicts are not yet sufficiently hungry to risk showing themselves, but will likely do so as soon as it becomes dark enough for them to travel safely tonight.

WITH STATE POSSE NEAR SILVERTON, Ore., Aug. 13.—Three men, believed to be the fugitives from the penitentiary, were reported to have been seen to vanish into the brush at a point between Silverton and Pratum at 10:30 today. A posse investigated but did not find the men. Deputies from the sheriff's office in Portland were in the posse. They are accompanied by W. E. Gardner, a guard who was with Guard Holman when he was slain last night. This group today is working out the Scotts Mills and Mount Angel districts.

Belief that the bandits may double back to the railway from the densely timbered Waldo Hills has been expressed by officials.

Raining in Portland

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Breaking a drought of 61 days, a light rain started falling here shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Acting Chief of Police Frank Slack and other members of the Reading force stated that they were affected by the tear gas bombs when they arrived on the scene. The bombs, Chief Slack said, had been hurled into the crowd of anti-Klansmen. Shots were also fired into the same crowd, other policemen said. No one was hit by the shots, but scores suffered the temporary discomfort from the gas.