

The Weather
 Prediction — Fair and warmer
 Maximum yesterday — 80
 Minimum today — 41

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum — 88
 Minimum — 33

Daily—Twenty-Ninth Year.
 Weekly—Fifty-Fourth Year.

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DEAD LOCK REACHED IN MAN HUNT

60 Hours' Search Fails to Show Any Trace of Escaped Convicts—Many Clues But None Bring Results—Desperadoes Still Believed to Be Near Salem.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—Pursuer and pursued had this afternoon apparently reached a stalemate in the manhunt for Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, convicts who escaped from the state prison Wednesday evening.

After more than 60 hours of continuous searching in the brush and woods east of Pratum, where the fugitives were last seen, and watch on the part of police officials through western Oregon, Warden Dalrymple and others in charge of the search this afternoon admitted that they are no nearer to a capture of the desperadoes than they were when they began.

One by one the few leads that have been reported and have developed have been cast aside as worthless, and the hunt was being continued in the Pratum and Drift creek neighborhood on the theory that the men are still in hiding and waiting for the enthusiasm and vigilance of the pursuers to subside before making a break from cover.

This morning the posse set about to maintain a constant vigil in the Pratum and Drift creek regions until such time as they are satisfied that the convicts have escaped from that neighborhood. The guard forces are being detailed into shifts so that a maximum force will be constantly on duty, and allow sufficient rest periods for the men who have been going with little sleep and food for three days.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—"We've done a terrible thing—we've killed a man." These words are said to have been muttered over and over by Ellsworth Kelly, one of the escaped convicts from the Oregon penitentiary and he and his two companions, Tom Murray and James Willos as they fled through the state hospital grounds Wednesday evening after having slain John Sweeney and J. M. Holman, guards at the state prison, and after losing their fourth member "Oregon" Jones.

Kelly was said to be in a highly nervous condition. He was the last to leave the prison yard, and is believed to have run down the stairs from guard post No. 1, while the other two men leaped to the ground. Prison men believe Willos would either let him get into a gun fight in the open, but Murray, it is believed, would fight to the death. Zina Zinn, the taxi cab driver whom the three men compelled to drive them into the country, says that Murray was boastful. One remark said to have been made by the convict was: "I sure got one of them. I shot him right between the eyes."

Some way the report has got out that the four escaped had agreed mutually to kill any of their number who might be seriously wounded. Just how the report got out is not known.

Lone Floral Piece Decorates Casket Of "Oregon" Jones

SALEM, Aug. 15.—"Complimentary—with sincere sympathy to ye brave and noble victim of the system." This was the message written on a small white card attached to the lone floral piece that rested last night on the casket of "Oregon" Jones, slain desperado, just before his body left Salem for Grants Pass, where it will be buried. The message was signed by R. R. Graves, of Salem, whose name cannot be found in the city directory.

Jones' body was in charge of his brother, Dee Jones, of Portland.

KLAMATH FALLS HOLD-UP LAID TO 3 CONVICTS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 15.—If the three men who held up and kidnaped G. A. Hayes, night man in an electric shop here early this morning were the three escaped convicts—Murray, Kelly and Willos—the leader of the fugitives, Tom Murray, has staged a remarkable recovery from the gunshot wounds he sustained on the night of his escape. In the opinion of police officers, who were conducting a probe of the holdup this morning, Hayes, the victim, pointed to a newspaper photograph of Murray and partially identified him as the leader of the trio of bandits. It was Murray, he said, who took the lead. It was Murray who shoved a nickel-plated revolver in his stomach. The man he identified as Murray showed no evidence of having been wounded, he said.

Later this morning Hayes was not so certain in his identification and police authorities were inclined to the belief that the men are the same bandits who have been staging holdups on the highways near Klamath Falls and even on the city streets during the past several weeks.

A peace officer expressed belief that they are the same trio who robbed six bank houses at the Ewauna logging camp earlier this week. It was also pointed out that the three men showed a familiarity with their surroundings at the electric shop where Hayes was robbed. "I haven't any money," protested the night man.

"Aw, we know there's money here and we're going to get it," the leader of the trio countered, as he forced Hayes into the office and compelled him to open the cash register. In spite of the improbability that the bandits are the escaped convicts, sheriff's deputies and other peace officers are conducting a search for the bandits on the theory that they might possibly be the escaped convicts.

SALEM, Aug. 15.—A telephone message was received at 2 o'clock this morning by Warden Dalrymple of the state penitentiary from Klamath Falls stating that three men in an automobile held up a garage operator, robbed him, tied him and threw him into their car and drove away in a northerly direction. The man was released near Shippington, the message said. It is believed possible that the three men may have been Ellsworth Kelly, Tom Murray and James Willos, the three escaped desperadoes from the state prison.

GOV. PIERCE IS CHALLENGED TO SHOULD A GUN

Ex-Governor West Agrees to Join Pierce and Warden in Man Hunt Tomorrow at 6 A. M.—Governor Declares Idea Is Silly.

PORTLAND, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Oswald West, former governor of Oregon, today issued a challenge to Gov. Pierce, Warden Dalrymple and the state penitentiary for the three to enter Drift Creek canyon where possemen believe the three escaped convicts are in hiding.

West's challenge was a sequel to a statement he gave to a Portland newspaper Thursday, in which he criticized the warden in connection with the escape of the prisoners Wednesday night when two guards and another escaping convict were killed. Gov. Pierce defended the warden against West's attack.

"Around the rim of the canyon are several score men and boys of the Guard ordered to keep the murderers surrounded," said West's challenge. "They may shortly be ordered to enter the canyon. Some of them likely will be shot."

"Now, here is my proposal to the Governor: 'I ask him and Dalrymple to meet me at Pratum school house tomorrow or Monday morning at 6 o'clock. 'Each will arm himself with a rifle or revolver, as he sees fit. I shall station myself in the center, with the Governor and Dalrymple on either side. I shall proceed ahead of them 50 yards. We will surround this canyon thoroughly, for at least three days, if we do not find the convicts sooner. Each man will take a blanket and some supplies.'

SALEM, Aug. 15.—Warden Dalrymple has scarcely left his office since the prison delivery of Wednesday evening, but declares that his proper place is at his desk, where by telephone he can give such directions to the man-hunters as are possible to give. The warden did not leave the office today to attend the funeral of J. M. Holman, the slain guard, who was a brother of the warden's wife.

"It would be a pleasure to me," said the warden, "to take a gun and go and help scout the country. It wouldn't be as hard work and as nerve-racking as it is to sit here. But there are men in the field who are just as capable for that work as I am and I couldn't improve the situation any. Besides, someone has to be here all the time. There are 500 prisoners here and some of them are just as bad as those who got away. We might have another break at any time."

Telephone calls that poured into the office from the possemen the first night and day after the break, now come in only at very long intervals. The warden attributed this to the fact that the hunters lose their "pep" when the trail becomes "cold." Still, he insists that there has been no relaxing of vigilance, that he believes all points where the convicts could possibly be in hiding are being combed and that all avenues of escape are being guarded.

"The passes through the mountains are being watched," the warden said, "but I am not informed who is doing it. As for roads entering cities and towns in all directions from Salem, I am relying on the local officers. They never have fallen down in their vigilance and I am sure they are on the job now. Bridges are being taken care of by the state traffic squad."

Aged Actress to Return to Stage



Mrs. Leslie Carter, one of the most famous stage stars a generation ago, is planning a "come-back." She is 69 years old. Her most famous roles were in "The Heart of Maryland," "Zaza," "La Tosca" and "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." Her last appearance was in "The Circle" in 1921.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Robbers who forced an entrance into the home of Albert Sobey early today, carried away a small safe containing nearly \$50,000 in cash, jewels and securities. The family had been absent only an hour visiting a friend.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Oliver Dawson, 29, was being questioned by police today in connection with the finding of the charred body of a woman, believed to have been murdered, in a haystack near Carlisle.

Dawson, it was reported, made inquiries at the Victoria Hotel for Jeanette Miller, of Laverne, Minn., who registered there July 23 and disappeared a day later, leaving no clue as to her destination.

Dawson was questioned last night but failed to reveal anything connecting him with the girl's disappearance or with the murder mystery at Carlisle, officers stated.

The "Daily" Bank Robbery

BURT, Ia., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Eight bandits wrecked the safe of the First National Bank here early this morning and escaped with \$15,000 in bonds and cash.

Eight explosions were required to wreck the safe. The bank building was damaged also.

FLORIDA FIGHT FOR "LOST" LAND THREATENS WAR

Secretary Work Orders An Investigation of Fight On Marco Island — Commissioner and Engineer to Hold Hearings — Feeling High

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—The Department of the Interior is about to enter the Florida situation where two groups are contending over land on Marco Island, and Secretary Work has ordered a searching investigation of the troubles.

Department officials have received communications from both sides, but they have decided that first hand information is necessary. T. C. Havell, acting commissioner of public lands of the department, will go to the scene with a government engineer soon and public hearings will be held.

TAMPA, Fla., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Reports that a deputy sheriff had disappeared mysteriously from the west coast section of the Everglades, followed rumors today of threatened vengeance unless state or federal officials intervene.

Governor Martin will be asked by Marco Island homesteaders to intervene in the fight for 2000 acres of "lost land."

Armed with petitions signed by 153 persons said to be almost all the voters of Collier county not in the employ of Barron G. Collier, a delegation of homestead claimants will go to Tallahassee as soon as an appointment can be made to see the governor.

The petitions demand that Sheriff W. R. Maynard and his armed deputies who are alleged to be supporting Mr. Collier's claims to that portion of the land unaccounted for in government surveys to leave the island.

Appeal to the government was determined on last night by W. G. Williams, owner of the townsite of Marco, and other homestead claimants after County Judge G. W. Stort of Collier county told them he had no authority to intervene.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Barron G. Collier today said in telling of the Marco Island homestead trouble that a man named W. C. Williams took an option on about 54 acres of land on Marco Island, Florida, which was held by the Collier interests.

Governor Threatens To Force Os West To Join Man Hunt

SALEM, Aug. 15.—Governor Pierce refused to countenance today an Oswald West's challenge to the governor and Warden Dalrymple of the state penitentiary to join him in a manhunt for the three convicts who escaped from the state prison on Wednesday. All the governor would say was that he might deputize West and force him to do so which he said he believed he had the right to do under the law.

CHICAGO SOCIETY WOMAN LEADS A RAID ON HUBBY

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—A divorce suit will be filed by Mrs. Thomas F. Lawrence, her attorneys say, as the upshot of a raid she led yesterday on a room in the fashionable Lakeshore Drive hotel where she found her husband, a wealthy St. Louis businessman, and Mrs. Julia Gruner, St. Louis society widow.

She married him in 1910, twenty-five years ago, as Lynn Ferrand. Mrs. Lawrence was a Chicago belle and was married and divorced from George M. Pullman, Jr., son of the Pullman company founder, and brother-in-law of former Governor Frank G. Lowden of Illinois.

After detectives with Mrs. Lawrence had searched the hotel door the climax to a vigil in the park shrubbery across the street yesterday, she appeared against her husband and Mrs. Gruner at the police station and in morals court, where Lawrence was charged with a statutory offense and disorderly conduct.

Mrs. Gruner, the widow of Jack Gruner, millionaire St. Louis sportsman, and Lawrence, were required by Dr. Herman N. Banderson, health commissioner, to undergo a physical examination or spend 30 days under quarantine. Both pleaded not guilty to the charges in morals court. Bonds of \$1500 were furnished and the case continued to August 26.

MERCURY AT BEND DROPS TO FREEZING

BEND, Ore., Aug. 15.—For the first time since last winter the temperature here this morning touched the freezing point according to the hydrometer at the office of the Deschutes National forest headquarters. Freezing point was recorded at 5:15, the needle remaining at that degree for approximately 15 minutes.

At 4 a. m. the humidity needle ran off the drum, reaching what is classified as the "dep point" by forestry officials.

EUGENE, Aug. 15.—Minimum temperature here last night was 41 degrees, the coldest since June 23. Maximum yesterday was 75. The sky is cloudless today, bearing indication of a warmer day.

VENGEANCE THREAT IS FULFILLED

Man and Wife Whose Testimony Convicted Gerald Chapman Are Murdered By Convict's Pals On Muncie Highway—"One-Arm" Wolf Arrested for Crime.

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Vengeance trailing those who testified against Gerald Chapman, bandit condemned to die for the murder of a Connecticut policeman struck down Ben Hance and his wife near here yesterday. The Hances were shot to death on the Anderson-Muncie highway. In a dying statement Hance laid the crime to the door of George (Duch) Anderson, pal of Chapman and Charles (One-Arm) Wolf of Muncie.

It was at the Hance home that Anderson and Chapman lived after their escape from Atlanta penitentiary and after Chapman attempted the robbery of a New Britain, Conn., mercantile establishment which resulted in the slaying of a policeman. Hance was one of the principal witnesses against Chapman following his arrest here.

Just what occurred on the highway before the fusillade of shots riddled Hance and his wife has not developed although Wolfe arrested in Muncie last night is held under heavy guard. Wolfe refused to talk. Mrs. Hance died instantly while Hance lived long enough to gasp out an accusation against Anderson and Wolfe.

Murder Is Described. A terrified farmer's wife, Mrs. Charles Cromer, standing on her front porch, witnessed the tragedy. She related: "Three machines were coming down the road, one a small coupe and a large red automobile and the Hance car. The red machine passed the couple a fence in front of my house. The coupe pulled in front of the Hance car and stopped. Mrs. Hance was the first to alight from the machine. She was barefooted. Her husband stepped out a second later. Some words were exchanged and the bandits shot. Mrs. Hance fell dead with a bullet through her head. Hance and a man supposed to be Anderson began wrestling in the road. Several shots were fired at close range. Other shots were fired at him and he fell mortally wounded just as he leaped over a fence into a corn field. The gunman then turned their weapons on the red machine which had stopped 200 yards up the road. Another machine which passed was also fired at before the two slayers jumped into the coupe and drove away."

A Dying Statement. To a Middletown officer called to the scene by Cromer, who had found Hance, the stricken man gasped: "He stayed at my home, I told on him. They shot me—Charles Wolfe and Dutch Anderson." Hance, after being rushed to a Muncie hospital, called for Fred Puckett, chief of detectives but before Puckett arrived Hance died. Puckett was one of the officers who aided in the capture of Chapman last January.

Several hours after the shooting Wolfe was arrested at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Strahan. A coupe resembling the Strahan house. Wolfe maintained silence. According to the local officers the Hance's lived in constant dread of death. Friends of the condemned man had sworn vengeance on Hance for giving information about him. It was due to Hance's information concerning the movements of the Chapman gang that Chapman was arrested. When Chapman was taken into custody by local police early this year he readily admitted his identity threatening "to get the men who turned me up for blood money." In addition to the vengeance theory the three suspected information as to the whereabouts of Anderson and was slain before he could "tip" off the officers.

Chapman Not Informed. HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—So far as prison officials know, Gerald Chapman has not been informed of his capture. (Continued on page six.)

GROCERY CLERK SUES ITALIAN MARQUISE FOR \$1,000,000 SLANDER

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Because she accused him of taking some of her jewelry and clothing and required him to sign an agreement to repay her, H. J. Brennan, a \$25 a week grocery store clerk, has sued the Marquise de Jannelli for \$1,000,000 for slander.

WALKER SIGNS UP FOR SHADE MATCH

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Mickey Walker, world's welterweight champion, signed a contract today with Tex Rickard, Madison Square Garden promoter, to defend his title against Dave Shade of California at the Yankee Stadium September 29.

President Suffers From a Toothache; Motors for Relief

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—Even a President gets the toothache. After suffering through the night from a crown-dod tooth, President Coolidge, home for a visit with his father, motored to Woodstock today and appealed to Dr. P. R. Jewett, a dentist and an old friend, for relief.

Governor Pierce Turns Down Auto Race Men

SALEM, Aug. 15.—In response to an application of the National Auto Racing Classic association for use of the state fair race track for automobile races Sunday, August 30, Governor Pierce yesterday replied that the track will not be available for that purpose.

GANG BREAKS INTO DEMPSEY'S HOUSE, CHAMPION HELD BY WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—(A. P.)—A gang of four men broke into the Hollywood home of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, last night, spent considerable time on the lower floor while the fighter was in bed above and finally were routed by the Dempseys' dogs. Nothing was stolen, Dempsey said.