

CONVICTS REPORTED NEAR HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Aug. 18.—Sheriff W. H. Edick and Chief of Police Williams hurriedly organized posse at 9.20 today to guard roads between Hood River and Portland, following receipt of a message from Chief of Police Jenkins of Portland that Tom Murray, escaped convict, was recognized while traveling eastward over the Columbia river highway with two other men in a Ford coupe. All available men and arms were gathered for a possible battle with Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 18.—The three escaped convicts from the Oregon state prison, last seen in Portland last night, are no longer armed with rifles, but carry only revolvers, says Warden Dalrymple. One of the rifles was returned to the prison this morning. The second is at Monitor where the car was stolen in which they made their way to Portland.

AIRPLANE HERE IN WRECK, ROSEBURG

ROSEBURG, Ore., Aug. 18.—In a forced landing here this morning at Curtis plane, one of a fleet of five, piloted by reserve officers from San Diego, en route to Seattle, was damaged slightly when it nosed into the ground upon landing. Only the propeller was broken and neither of the two officers who occupied the machine were injured. The party consisted of Lieutenant T. J. Koenig, commanding; Captain Cunningham, leading the formation; Lieutenants Harvey Ogden, McHenry, W. Hoeman, Vanaulet, A. Bell, whose plane was damaged; Arnie, MacAffery, and Leslie Tower. (The fleet of planes landed in Medford last evening and left for the north this morning.)

KLAMATH FALLS BANDITS CAUGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 18.—Officers today captured three young men who they said signed confessions admitting their participation in a number of garage holdups in Portland and the nearby districts and one in Klamath Falls.

DRIVERS WARNED NOT TO GO TOO SLOWLY

A warning of interest to motorists in general and to motorists who drive their cars on Main street at an exceedingly low speed, in particular was issued today by Chief of Police Adams. He states cars going at a rate slower than 8 or 10 miles an hour are one of the greatest causes of street collisions, and in order to avoid them, he warns that drivers of cars going at such rate will shortly be liable to arrest. "If slow driving must be done, do it on uncrowded streets," the chief said today in connection with the warning.

BASEBALL SCORES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 18.—(A. P.)—Kenneth Williams, slugging St. Louis Browns' outfielder, today was sent to a hospital where an X-ray examination will be made in an effort to ascertain whether his skull was fractured when he was struck on the head by a pitched ball in a game in Cleveland last Saturday. (Williams' home is in Grants Pass, and is well known here.)

Table with baseball scores for National and American leagues, listing teams and scores.

CONVICTS COVERED BY GUN

(Continued From Page One) them a clear shot and motioned to Hubbard to shoot," White related. Hubbard in number seven made no response. That both Holman and Hubbard had warning of the break was given in the testimony of Robert Crawford, head of the flax plant, who was trapped out in the yard when he rounded the south corner of the west wing by Murray who ordered him not to move. "When I first saw Murray and the rope dangling at the front of the building, I hollered 'break' at the top of my lungs," Crawford declared. When Murray finally left him to go to the arsenal after a gun, Crawford ran into the basement of the administration wing and it was not until after three or four minutes from the time that he entered the basement that he heard the shooting begin, he testified.

Why Hubbard in guard tower number seven failed to shoot was explained on the stand by Charles McKinley who ran to Hubbard's tower after escaping from the turnkey's office after a tussle with Oregon Jones. "Hubbard told me that the men in the yard had their hands up and that he didn't want to shoot a man who apparently had surrendered," was McKinley's story.

Further evidence that Hubbard, at least, was informed that there was a break was given by S. B. Sandifer, who at the time of the break was in the guard's quarters across the street. When the alarm in the guard house sounded he ran out, ran to the front gate where he was unable to get in and where he witnessed the descent of the men from the roof. When he saw that he was not going to get in, he declared, he ran along the wall toward tower seven calling to Hubbard to shoot.

John Davison gave evidence against the conduct of Turnkey Nesmith with the statement that at the time of the break there was a revolver in the drawer of the desk at which Nesmith was sitting. Murray was the first to enter the arsenal and it was he who fought with Davison. As soon as the fight with Murray began, Davison called to Nesmith for help, which he declared yesterday was not answered in any manner. It also developed that Davison was in the turnkey's office for the purpose of protesting the turnkey during the dinner hour, but that he did not have a gun.

Warden Dalrymple, it was said, was the first warden to place an extra man in the arsenal during the dinner hour when the line passes through the chapel. It was his intention that the extra guard have a gun and the guard did carry one until a month ago when Charles Charleston, an ex-prisoner, keeper, ordered Davison not to take a gun into the turnkey's office.

More evidence on prison rules and

customs was given by George Robinson, chapel guard, who declared that despite the fact that the Jones-Murray gang was noted for desperateness, Oregon Jones and Ellsworth Kelly were permitted to live in the same cell and all of the four men involved in the break were celled in the same tier of the same ward in the same wing. James Willos, he declared, had been moved near the rest less than a month ago from the south wing to the north wing. James R. Carey, head chapel guard, responsible for the change and the celling, had previously denied that Jones and Kelly celled together and had declared that he moved Willos because Willos had been in a cell facing the back of the prison and wanted to come to a front cell on account of the "front view."

When Oregon Jones, Murray and Kelly were returned from their daring break in March, 1934, they were not placed in the "bull pen" nor given any kind of discipline, Carey testified. He asserted that the men had been placed near each other because the place was more easily seen by the chapel guard than any other place in the prison.

The rifle marksmanship of guards at the prison came up for criticism during the testimony of John Davison. Davison was asked by District Attorney Catson if the guards had regular rifle practice, and he knew what their marksmanship average was. The guard replied that practice was held twice a month. No standard of ability was required of guards, he declared. Targets nine and three quarters inches in diameter were used for free-style practice at 100 yards.

"Are the guards' good shots?" he was asked by Catson. "Some are and some are not. There are some pretty good ones and some pretty bad ones." Asked to explain the proportion between them he replied that there were about "50-50" of good shots and "those who weren't."

As far as he recalled, he declared, Holman and Hubbard were not good shots. Holman averaging about one out of five hits on the wing and three quarters inch bullseye at 100 yards. Sweeney was an average shot, he judged.

GANG ESCAPES IN MOTOR CAR

(Continued From Page One) daybreak but the rising sun found them near the Newman place and Murray instructed the driver to turn in at the farmhouse. The Newman were awakened, the family automobile was wheeled out of the garage and the convicts drove their machine in and closed the door, leaving the Newman car the only one in sight. The outlaws then entered the house and demanded food, after which they settled down to await evening to continue their flight.

Drive in Daylight. About 5.20 in the afternoon the

convicts continued their drive to Portland. Young Newman was forced to drive from New Era to Portland with two rifles against his shoulders while Leo Wilde his friend, was held in the rear seat with the outlaws.

Newman drove to Tenth and Washington streets here where Murray ordered him to stop. There the three climbed out and Murray gave this parting message to young Newman:

"Get to hell out of here and don't try to talk to any cop you see in the street. I may be right behind you with a gun and you know I'll use it." The youth made no effort to see a policeman. He drove out across Hawthorne bridge and after locating the street leading to the highway, headed straight for home.

Laugh at Partners. The elder Newman, describing the convicts' arrival at his place, said their first demand was for food, backed up by a display of guns. Then they cleaned up, laughing and joking the while about their success in eluding the posmen which have been combing a wide area ever since their break for liberty. Newman said Murray, who was wounded in the shooting at the prison last Wednesday, was not seriously hurt. He said the bandit joked about his injuries.

Today the police are making every effort to locate the convicts but so much time elapsed between the arrival in Portland of Newman's car and the moment when the authorities were notified of the convicts' presence that the officers are experiencing difficulty in starting the chase. Police marvel at the audacity of the fugitives in picking out the busiest street of Portland in which to start the latest phase of their flight.

While at the Newman place yesterday the escaped convicts read a copy of a Portland paper which told of Murray being badly wounded and that officers regarded as a clue the fact that buzzards were hovering over the area in which the outlaws were believed to be hiding.

Murray Has Good Laugh

Murray was hugely amused as he read the account. "Best joke I ever read," he chuckled. "Gee, I wasn't badly wounded. Just got shot in the arm, but there's nothing the matter with it. I have full use of it and if anybody doesn't think so let them try to run up against it," he told Newman. "It does beat the Dutch what stuff the papers, or some of them, get about us. They have us here and there when we haven't been in the vicinity at all," he continued.

In talking about eluding the posse the convicts told of having come out of the woods near Silverton and stealthily passing some guards who

they said were asleep alongside the road. The fugitive trio said that they made their way about a mile down this road and after reaching the railroad they proceeded to Monitor.

CONVICTS' STORY OF ESCAPE

(Continued From Page One) with buckshot and ran back out on the lawn. When we got out on the lawn Kelly and Willos were standing with their hands in the air under cover of five guards armed with guns. Just outside the iron fence, and also covered by the guard in the bull pen, tower number seven. No shots were fired from tower number seven.

Guard White Is Shield

"The only thing which kept the guards from shooting them was that they had Guard Pete White standing between Willos and Kelly. His being there was the only thing which kept Willos and Kelly from being shot down in cold blood, as a deputy warden told White to get away from them and also told the guards to shoot them."

Newman interrupted to ask why was Pete White between them and the answer was: "Because Pete White did not want to see a man shot down in cold blood. He (Pete) came over voluntarily. He was unarmed. When Jones and I ran out of the turnkey's office the guards ran for cover. Willos and Kelly were still unarmed, with their hands in the air."

(Newman asked: "Were you shooting when you came from the turnkey's office?") Murray answered, "No, I was not, but I would not swear about Jones, but he did not hit anybody. I threw Willos a .38 Collis. The guards had run for cover, scattering towards the trees and the garage."

Guards Run for Cover

"The warden, deputy warden, or turnkey did not know where they were. There wasn't any shooting going on right here, owing to the fact that the guards were seeking cover, and we all ran, Kelly, Willos and I, across the lawn to tower number one. "Number one tower was not shooting and I got behind an oak tree and I told him to come out and throw his gun down or we would smoke him out of there. Instead of doing so he kept himself covered as well as he could behind the walls of his tower, and tried to get a shot at us with his rifle. As it was his life or ours, I shot him in the head with the .32-20. He fell dead and I made a run for the steps leading up to the tower. Willos

was right behind me. Neither Willos nor Kelly had fired a shot up to this time. Just as I went up the first two steps of the tower stairs Guard Holman, who was concealed behind the iron fence shot me through the left arm. Just as he shot me through the left arm with a pistol. (Story was interrupted here while there was an argument as to who killed him.)

Savage Is Shot

"Kelly didn't have any gun until we got inside of tower number one. We had to go through tower number one and drop from the wall to gain our liberty. By the time we went through this tower the bullets were coming fast from the outside of the iron fence and in the garage, five or six shooting at us on the way through. I picked up Guard Sweeney's (of tower number one) rifle. We all dropped to the ground outside. Jones, Willos and I were on the ground and I called to Lute Savage, who was standing in the garage, to come over to where we were as we wanted him for protection from the bullets from the other guards. He wouldn't come so I took one shot at him with my pistol. Whether I hit him or not I don't know."

"About this time Jones was shot in a little argument about where he was shot. About that time Willos and I started for number two tower, along the side wall, as this was the best route for our get away. Kelly stopped to shake hands with Jones. Jones said: 'Tell the boys to play careful and not make it more than one.' Jones then took the gun and fired a load of buckshot through Holman's wall. It made him unconscious of what was going on around him. (Murray interrupted here to tell Newman that they were telling the 'God's truth.' Murray said: 'I want my mother to read it.')"

Kelly Then Picked up the Shotgun

which was empty, and followed Willos and I past number two tower toward the insane asylum. (Newman asked him what number two tower had been doing all this time.)

Two Tower Deserted

"Number two tower was deserted, and someone wearing a dark suit was running toward the insane asylum ahead of us. We thought it was the guard from number two post, although we would not swear to it, as we were not sure. We never did notice any shots coming from number two tower, and he could have shot at us when I shot at Lute Savage. We rushed toward the insane asylum. Commandeered an automobile and from then on the public knows just as much as we want them to know."

We haven't harmed no one and intend to harm no one as long as they don't stand between ourselves and liberty.

TOM MURRAY, "ELLSWORTH KELLY," "JAMES WILLOS" Jones Shot in Cold Blood

"P. S.—The last we saw of Jones he was sitting on the ground, fully conscious, and unable to walk, and if Slaughterhouse Davidson shot him he must have walked up on him and shot him like a dog, giving him no chance." Newman asked them if they could make any individual statement and Murray said: "No, this goes for all of us. We all vouch for it." Newman asked Murray: "What do you think of Dalrymple as a warden?" "He's as good a man as could be in the position. He's had a hard time during his administration and he has made the best of a bad job."

Willos was asked: "What do you think of Dalrymple as a warden?" "According from what I have learned from other prisoners who have asked for a chance to make good, he was all right." Newman asked: "Is he a good disciplinarian?" Willos said: "Yes, sir; absolutely." Kelly was asked the same question. "I think he is very level headed and I think he uses more common sense than some of his subordinates."

"What do you think of his actions in the last show down?" "No other course to follow," said Willos. Newman asked Murray: "Plan Failed to Work" "Was the break executed as planned?" "No, we planned to slide down the rope, go into the turnkey's office. Put the turnkey and any other civilians who might be there in front of us, march them straight toward number one tower, using them as a protection, as insurance against being shot at against the wall, disarm the guard in number one tower, taking him with us if necessary, go to the prison garage, take one of the fast prison cars, and use that for our get away."

Newman asked: "You didn't expect any shooting?" Murray: "No, at least we didn't expect any guards waiting for us in front. We had no intention of killing anyone." Newman: "Do you figure someone informed on you?" Murray: "We don't know just what to think, but we believe someone had the wrong tip."

The escaped convicts put their fingerprints in ink alongside the signatures. Cook with gas

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