

CONVICT ELUDES GUARD; ESCAPES UNDER GUN FIRE

Morton Hanson, Alias
"Whitey Fuller" Flees
Posse at Federal Prison

IS STILL IN HIDING

Man Under Investigation
Here in Murder Case
Still Keeps His Liberty

TACOMA, Wash., June 25 (AP)—Suddenly coming face to face with Morton Hanson, the escaped federal penitentiary convict who has been free on McNeil Island for three days, Guard Elmer V. Hilton fired a fusillade of bullets at him early this morning. But Hanson took a long chance and escaped to the brush again. Guard Hilton was entering the machine shop about 1 o'clock this morning. Just as he came in from one side, Hanson entered the shop from the other.

"Throw up your hands and don't try to get away, or I'll shoot you," said Hilton.

Hansen quickly raised his hands as if in submission and then took a chance, and as he stood just outside the door through which he had entered, he lunged back, pushed the door open and plunged outside. As the door was swinging shut back of the prisoner, Hilton fired three times. Hilton rushed outside to see the prisoner just disappearing over the top of a hill back of the shop. He let two more shots fly at him, but they evidently did no damage.

Hansen was seen for the last time as he disappeared in the brush.

Patrolling the island is still going on to prevent him escaping.

Hansen came to McNeil Island last March from Portland, Ore., on a two year sentence. Officials have recently been checking up his possible implication in a murder at Klamath Falls.

Begin Tests of Soil in Lower Lake

Soil Experts Here to
Begin Labors
Today

George C. Kreutzer, director of the division of farm economics of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, will be unable to be here until Friday for the hearing on the request of the Audubon society that the Lower Klamath Lake basin be again flooded.

Professor Shaw of the University of California, Professor Powers of O. A. C. and Soil Expert Lapham of the U. S. Department of Agriculture arrived last night and today were preparing to begin their soil tests in the Lower Lake.

All three emphasized that they were technical men and that their only function was to secure and make analysis of samples of the soil and to report as to the commercial value of the lake bed as a place to grow crops.

Their findings are to be presented to Kreutzer and on the strength of them he is to make a recommendation to the Department of the Interior.

The move to flood the lake is opposed by Klamath stockmen and by members of the Klamath Drainage district.

Man Injured In Family Row To Recover, Belief

Condition of Sam Husted, at the Klamath General hospital recuperating from injuries alleged to have been received in a fight with his son-in-law, Henry Askins, was said today to be greatly improved. It was the opinion of hospital attendants that he would recover unless serious complications set in. The fight occurred at the Bunnell camp grounds. Askins is held at the county jail, charged with assault and battery, with bail set at \$1000.

Eskimos Are Not to Learn World History

Would-Be Educator Is
Declared to Be
Shoplifter

With the arrest of Frank E. Hibler today, police believe that they have solved the mystery of small thefts from the merchants along Main street for the last three or four days.

Hibler, when arrested by Officers Brown and Lewis, had on his person a flashlight and several other small articles believed to have been taken from the Star drug store. It is alleged that Hibler has been selling small articles stolen from various stores about the streets recently. Some of these articles bore the Rexall trademark, and it was from this clue and the fact that the Star drug store has suspected him for several days, that the police made the arrest. It is alleged that Hibler has been in the habit of coming into the drug store early in the morning, asking for a drink of water, and slipping whatever he could into his pockets while the clerk went to the back of the store to get him a drink.

Hibler was arrested earlier this week on a charge of intoxication, but was released on his plea of being deaf, and that he was just talking to himself, and not drunk. He stated at this time that he was on his way to Alaska to sell Well's Outline of History to the Eskimos, and that he was a veteran of the Boer war, the Spanish American war and the World war.

Jardine and Party Guests Of Medford

Secretary of Agriculture Visits
Orchards and Inspects
State Troops

MEDFORD, Ore., June 25.—Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine and party arrived in a special car on the Shasta shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. He was met by a delegation of Medford citizens headed by Mayor O. O. Alenderfer, taken on a short tour of the orchard district and then whisked to Camp Jackson, where after a salute of 19 guns, he was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Brigadier General George A. White.

Secretary Jardine on his arrival was accompanied by his brother, J. T. Jardine, director of the experiment station at Oregon Agricultural college; Prof. W. A. Jensen, executive secretary, O. A. C.; Dean Boxell of O. A. C., and Robert Kerr, son of President Kerr of O. A. C.

The secretary of agriculture is making a tour of the coast to inspect agricultural conditions and after a conference with leading business men and ranchers in Medford will leave for a motor trip to Roseburg this evening.

Dragon Day Finds Shanghai In Arms

SHANGHAI, June 25.—(AP)—Dragon Day, observed by Chinese in less troublesome times to mark the season of sprouting seeds, today was commemorated with armed forces patrolling the sweltering streets of Shanghai, which took on a holiday aspect despite the expressed flare-up of strike sympathizers.

Mrs. Morgan Is Reported Better

Wife of Noted Financier Re-
covering Slowly From
Sleeping Sickness

NEW YORK, June 25.—(AP)—Hopes for the early recovery of Mrs. J. P. Morgan, wife of the financier, who has been ill of sleeping sickness at her summer home near Glencove, were strengthened today when Mrs. Morgan, for the first time since she fell into a state of coma on June 17, gave indications of returning consciousness.

Mrs. Morgan's physicians announced Saturday she had passed the crisis.

FIRE HAZARD IN STATE DECLARED TO BE CRITICAL

Hot Dry Wind Sweeping
Through Forests of
Oregon, Says Report

TIMBER THREATENED

Camps and Equipment of
Siletz Basin Company
in Path of Flames

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25.—(AP)—While a hot, drying wind was sweeping the forest areas of Oregon, hourly increasing the fire hazard, several fires were being fought today in the western part of the state, and one in central Oregon.

A homesteader's cabin was burned and 30 acres swept by a fire near Mist, Oregon, yesterday, the chief Oregon fire relief association reported today. The fire was brought under control.

About 100 acres of old slashings of the Nehalem timber company near Scappoose, was burned over, it was reported today.

Crews At Work
Led by forest service officials between 120 and 140 men were today fighting a fire which broke out yesterday in timber owned by the Bridal Veil Lumber company and George Joseph, near Palmer, Oregon.

Several logging camps in the Coehran and Kerry district on the lower Columbia river, closed down today on account of fire danger.

Threatening a great body of timber in the Siletz basin, the fire which yesterday destroyed camp 4 of the Cobbs-Mitchell plant at Valsetz was still burning today. The company's entire force of 200 men were fighting the flames. For a time the fire menaced the town of Valsetz and the big mill at that place. But the wind changed and the fire came only within a quarter of a mile of the town.

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—Camps and equipment of the Willamette Valley Lumber company northeast of Siletz basin are directly in line with a forest fire in green timber that is burning fiercely and making rapid headway in that direction today, according to a message received from Will Caldwell, in charge of the ranger station on Bald mountain.

The latest outbreak of the fire is a continuation of the fire that burned over a wide area in Siletz basin yesterday. The basin fire is under control. But has climbed the ridge of the basin, and, whipped by a southwest wind, is raging to the northeast. A crew from the Willamette Valley company's camps is fighting the flames under a handicap by building fire trails. It is practically impossible to use back fires, because the exceedingly dry weather makes these dangerous.

The fire is doubtless destructive since it is in green timber. It has been found that the fire started in the Siletz basin from a yarder or large donkey engine. This machine was not damaged, but six other donkeys were damaged, some cut logs were burned and some green timber destroyed.

Another small fire northwest of Falls City is under control.

COAST LEAGUE SCORES
At Vernon 3, Portland 6.
At Salt Lake 10, San Francisco 9.
At Oakland 2, Seattle 9.
At Sacramento 13, Los Angeles 6.

Oregon G. A. R. Names Officers

F. N. Lathrop of Port-
land Is New Com-
mander

OREGON CITY, Ore., June 25.—Newly elected officers of the Oregon state department of the G. A. R. were installed today at the annual encampment here.

F. N. Lathrop, Portland, was elected state department commander late yesterday.

James E. Nelson, Oregon City, was chosen senior vice commander; Comrade Kneirheim, Gresham, junior vice commander; J. T. Butler, Gladstone, department chaplain, and J. E. Mail, Portland, medical adviser.

Mexican Held After Fight Near Algoma

Countryman Files Com-
plaint—Charges
Stabbing

Trinidad Varragan is held in the county jail charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and Florentino Navarro is nursing a badly slashed right hand following a free-for-all fight in a cabin near Algoma last night.

Both Varragan and Navarro are Mexicans and unable to give a clear account of the occurrence.

According to the story told officers there was a party in which six women and six men participated. As the party progressed three women left, leaving three women and six men and this discrepancy in numbers is alleged to have caused the fight.

Varragan is said by Navarro to have been the aggressor and the latter appeared at the district attorney's office and demanded that a warrant be sworn out.

Stage Driver Who Swallowed Acid Is Dead

George Stanley of Bend
Succumbs From
Poison

Bend, June 25.—George Stanley, 24 year old stage driver who drank commercial acid by mistake March 5, died late yesterday directly as a result of drinking the acid, which ate away the lining of his stomach, according to the physicians. He is said to have literally starved to death.

Stanley was driving a stage to Bend when the accident happened more than an hour's ride from Bend. He stopped by the side of another machine and during the absence of the other driver, saw a bottle on the seat and without noticing the contents, took a big swallow. When it was discovered that he had drunk the poison, he was rushed to Bend but owing to bad roads arrival was delayed and it was some time before he received medical attention.

Besides his widow Stanley is survived by a three year old daughter.

Hubby Punches Wife's Nose; He's Arrested

Domestic Troubles of
Wealthy Couple
Are Aired

NEW YORK, June 25. (AP)—Domestic troubles of Arthur K. Bourne, Jr., 21, grandson of Commodore Frederick G. Bourne, sewing machine magnate who left a \$10,000,000 estate, have culminated in his arrest after a chase by his wife, who says he punched her nose.

Caught by a police automobile directed by his wife, Bourne pleaded not guilty.

For two days, his wife, Beatrice Clancy Bourne, also 21, laid siege to his apartment house. She said she wanted to question him regarding a divorce suit he filed in Pasadena, California, recently.

Bourne came home last night. An argument ensued while a crowd gathered. He punched her nose, she said, and fled through the crowd. Commanding a police officer, Mrs. Bourne stood on the running board and directed the police driver until Bourne was caught three blocks farther on.

TOO HOT TO WORK

SALEM, June 25.—Hot weather has produced an acute labor situation in cherry orchards and loganberry yards here due to the rapid ripening of the fruit. A hurry up call has been sent out for 150 additional cherry pickers and 100 loganberry pickers.

SHEPHERD TRIAL EXPECTED TO BE CLOSED TONIGHT

Defense Attorney Stewart
Makes Closing Argu-
ment This Morning

CROWE WILL FINISH

Special Night Session May
be Held to Wind up Big
Murder Case

CHICAGO, June 25. (AP)—The Shepherd murder trial probably will be concluded with a session tonight. Judge Thomas J. Lynch and the lawyers for both sides tentatively agreed to such a step at a recess conference in chambers this morning. The first jury plea on behalf of Shepherd was continued today by Wm. Scott Stewart, chief of defense counsel. He spoke for more than two hours yesterday and said this morning he would require all of the forenoon and probably would continue this afternoon.

The indicated length of his argument set back the probable time of the case going to the jury.

After Stewart concludes, W. W. O'Brien, this associate will close for the defense. Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, then will close for the prosecution.

Shepherd entered the court room this morning with his face showing distinct marks of worry. He seemed more care worn than at any time since he was accused of using typhoid germs to murder his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock.

Takes Up Will
Stewart took up the matter of the making of Billy McClintock's will and scored that as a point in Shepherd's favor.

"If he had been nursing the boy along to slay him, wouldn't he have gotten some one else to draw the will?" asked Stewart. "That is one of the points he is going to have to explain in the probate court in the will fight. He must face it. But if he had been trying to prepare an alibi, wouldn't he have had somebody else draw the will so as to cast suspicion from him?"

Stewart took up the testimony of many witnesses in the trial and analyzed it from his view point for the jury.

Letter To Nurse
The letter Shepherd wrote to Miss Estelle Gehling, a young nurse with whom he once was friendly, "was just a letter to a girl," Stewart said, even though Shepherd wrote that he was bankrupt, had no plans and probably would close his office and drift away from it all.

Shepherd's statement to the young woman that he had asked Billy to give him a valuable piece of property was not in keeping with his alleged plan to kill the youth and get it all, Stewart said.

Another Workman Killed In Tunnel

BEND, Ore., June 25.—A workman, Joe Coll, was killed in an accident in the tunnel last night at Odell, according to word received in Bend this morning. Details of the accident are not available. The body is being brought to Bend however, according to a long distance message received by Sheriff S. E. Roberts.

Jealous Woman Murders Lover

Robert Smith Slain in
Oakland This
Morning

OAKLAND, Calif., June 25.—Robert Smith, 49, was shot and killed today in an apartment of Mrs. Marie Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham was taken into custody and was said by the police to have admitted that she killed Smith through jealousy.

"He told me he was going to Portland with another woman," Mrs. Cunningham said. "I pleaded with him all night not to go. He refused and then I shot him. I tried to shoot myself but there were no cartridges left in the pistol."

Man May Die; Unconscious After Attack

Heat Blamed for Af-
fliction of Lumber
Worker

Overcome by the heat while seated on a bench in the boiler room of the Pelican Bay Lumber company Monday, Lacey Omohundro, an employee of the company, toppled to the floor unconscious and this afternoon was reported to be still in an unconscious condition at the Klamath General Hospital.

Omohundro was repairing a pair of shoes, when attacked. Doctors believe the heat, combined with the extra warmth of the boilers, caused him to give way.

He suffered a very slight fracture of the skull when he tumbled to the floor. His condition is regarded as being very serious.

JUDGE LEAVITT DISQUALIFIED IN LIBEL SUIT

After pondering over the question for twenty-four hours, A. L. Leavitt, circuit judge for this county, this afternoon decided that he was not qualified to sit in the case of Myers vs. The Herald Publishing company, W. H. Perkins and E. J. Murray. The decision came as a result of an affidavit of prejudice filed against him by E. J. Murray, in which he alleged that he did not believe he could secure a fair and impartial trial before Leavitt. Leavitt stated that he found upon investigation that he had no alternative but allow the case to pass to another judge, since he had made no ruling in the case.

The case in question is the one filed by Myers, alleging libel on the part of the defendants.

Reorganization Of Indian Service Is To Start July 1st

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—Two hundred and ninety four employees in the field service of the Indian bureau, including one or more in nearly every connection agency and reservation in the country, will lose their jobs July 1, under a sweeping reorganization program announced here today.

The reduction of force will clip \$227,905 annually from the payroll. Clerks, stenographers, matrons, Indian police, judges and other officials are among those whose positions will be abolished. The number remaining on the bureau rolls July 1 will be 4932.

LaFollette Leaves Property To Widow

Entire Holdings Amount to
Only \$68,000—Debts
Listed at \$29,000

MADISON, Wis., June 25.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette's will, offered for probate in county court today, names his widow as sole beneficiary and executrix.

The senator's debts, including the mortgage on the homestead, are estimated in the petition at \$29,000. His personal property at \$20,000 and his real estate, which is the homestead, at \$48,000.

One Death Occurs Because Of Heat

ASTORIA, June 25.—With Astoria and Clatsop county suffering under the most intense heat wave ever experienced here, the hot weather took its toll in an indirect manner when Eckhart R. Hanson, 25, single, of Hammond, a fishing village near this city, became overheated at his work yesterday and stripping off his clothes dove into the Columbia river from a dock. The ebb tide had lowered the water beneath the dock to a depth of a foot or so and Hanson's neck was broken, death occurring instantly.

TWO ROBBED BY HUSKY YOUTHS

Matt Swisle and Paul
Riser Victims of
Street Bandits

Two shirt-sleeved husky youths, strolling aimlessly in the vicinity of 11th and Walnut, last night at 11:00 o'clock "strong-armed" Matt Swisle of the Crater Rooms and Paul T. Riser, cook in the Central Hotel Dining Room.

After choking and beating Swisle and Riser into submission the holdups took \$25 in cash from Swisle and \$115 from Riser.

They also took Riser's hat but in the melee failed to notice that he was wearing a \$100 diamond ring as a tie pin.

Swisle was overpowered without too much trouble but Riser tried to kick his opponent in the nose and as a result

and beaten about the

rather showed any signs of

Swisle could give

one of the two

and one was short.

"I'm go' to get a permit to carry a gun," Riser declared wrathfully.

"I've lived 37 years in Astoria and looked in seven town mining camps but this is the first time I ever felt that I needed a gun."

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Per-emptory orders have been issued by Secretary Wilbur for the installation of navy wireless equipment on the MacMillan arctic exploration ship Peary.

Whew! It Sure Is Warm Today

Year's Record for Heat
Broken This
Afternoon

Klamath Falls sweltered with the rest of the state today when the official thermometer at the reclamation office recorded the hottest day of the year.

At 1:30 this afternoon the mercury had reached 95 degrees and was still mounting, said Hydrographer Smith. He predicted it probably would reach 97 before the slow downward march would begin.

The sky was clouding up early this afternoon but whether or not it presaged a storm weather experts could not say. The forecast for tomorrow is for continued hot weather in this section.

Convicts Stage Riot; Is Due To Water Shortage

SALEM, Ore., June 25.—Incensed because of a shortage of water in their cells, several convicts created a disturbance at the state penitentiary last night, and broke half a dozen window panes by throwing tobacco tins through the bars of their cell doors. They added to the disturbance by yelling for water and pounding on the doors.

Warden Dalrymple said he thought not more than six prisoners were involved and that he had not been able to find out who they were. Some of the convicts had allowed the water faucets to run in their cells to cool the air, with the result that water in the prison tank became low and cut off the flow.