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## MURRAY CAUGHT AT CENTRALIA

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men's clothing, accompanied Carson to Murray's room carrying some old clothes hastily gotten together at police headquarters.

Murray donned the clothes carried by the officer and with Carson and the policeman began planning the hold-up of some road house nearby.

### Go Together

Pilling and Carson agreed, left the room telling Murray they would go out and engage a taxicab.

Mayor George Barner, in his own car and posing as the taxi driver, took Pilling and Carson to the hotel.

In the meantime Chief of Police J. D. Compton, Policeman Robert Stratton and Deputy Sheriffs Herford and Hawkins took up their station about the hotel. Carson and Pilling again went to Murray's room and told him all was ready for the hold-up.

### Jig's Up

As the three came down the hotel steps, Patrolman Pilling suddenly grabbed Murray about the body, pinning him until the other officers had closed in.

"The jig's up, I'm Murray," said the prisoner, with a smile. He was put into Mayor Barner's car and rushed to the police station closely guarded.

At 3 o'clock, Murray was placed on the train and started for Salem, under guard of the mayor, chief of police and other officers who made the capture.

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by Carson, follows:

"I had been arrested in Portland, and was charged with vagrancy in police court. They gave me sixty days but suspended sentence in order that I might get out of town and stay out. I went across the Columbia to Vancouver, Wash. There I met Tom Murray. It was in the railroad yards where Murray was about to board the 6:45 fast freight for Centralia. Murray told me who he was and asked me to help him get away. We planned to go to Tacoma and stage a stick-up. While we were on the way here Murray told me that after he, Willos and Kelly arrived in Portland shortly after 10 o'clock Monday night, they immediately drove in an automobile to The Dalles and crossed over to White Salmon where they have been hiding since, in the woods and brush.

### Murray and Willos Fight

"At about 3 o'clock yesterday (Friday) afternoon, Murray and Willos had a fight. There was an old baggage car near the station there and Willos wanted to get into it and get some clothes. Murray objected but Willos, an old railroad man, got in just the same and when he left the car Murray demanded to know 'What the hell you went in there for,' and Willos replied 'To hell with you.' There were some more words and then the three agreed to split. Murray was to go east and Willos and Kelly were to stay at White Salmon for a time and then hit out by themselves with Willos as leader.

"Instead of going east, Murray for some unknown reason came down the river and went to Vancouver, where I met him.

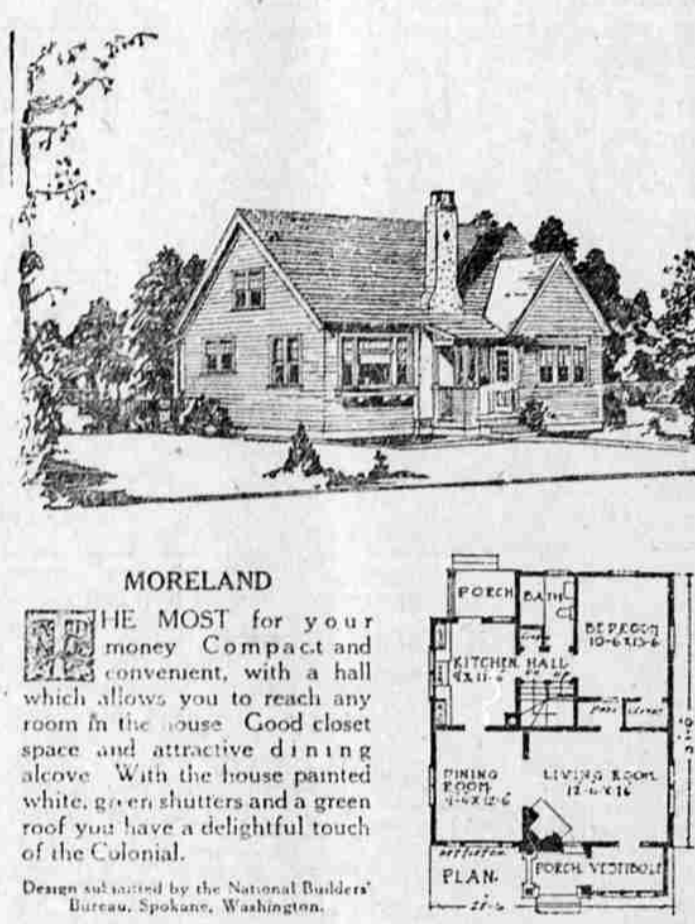
### Informers Gets Peevish

"I want to say right here that I never met such a perfect gentleman as Murray. I would not have turned him in but for the fact that he declared I was a menace to society and a lot of such stuff as that. When he did that I made up my mind that I would turn him over to the authorities, so when we arrived here I took him to the Savoy hotel and we got a room. Then we planned to do a stick-up here. I left him in the hotel and called upon Charles Pilling, member of the night police force, and hired him to aid in the stick-up. Of course this was all bluff, but a part of my game. Then I called on George Barner, mayor of the city, and hired him to be taxi driver.

### Frames Capture

"My next move was to return to the hotel, go to our room, tell Murray everything was all right and to come ahead. We so downstairs and I introduced him to Pilling and Barner and told him they are to assist us in the stick-up and everything is all right. Not to fear.

"Just at that point, Pilling and



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Barner stick their guns in Murray's ribs and, quick as a flash he tumbled and exclaimed, 'pretty clever.'

"That was all he said. He went silent from then on and did not say another word, but I could tell he was doing some mighty tall thinking.

"Because of this I will try to have them get him out of here on the 3 o'clock train this morning to Portland where he can be kept in safety."

Murray was taken to the local jail and locked up under heavy guard. He ate a hearty supper, but refused to talk or make any comment on what had happened.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 22 (AP)—If Murray was nervous and worried when he stepped from the train in the Union depot here he did not betray it.

His smile—which ingratiated himself into the hearts of eight or ten persons whom he and his fellow convicts kidnaped in their desperate dash from Salem penitentiary—did not fall him.

Handcuffed to his wrists was Patrolman C. D. Pilling of the Centralia police department.

### Under Heavy Guard

Flanking him on the other side was Mayor George L. Barner, while in the rear was Chief of Police Jim Compton of Centralia, and Deputy Sheriff Felix Herford of Lewis county.

"Hello, Murray," sung out someone in the crowd of newspaper men, Union depot attaches and traumen who flanked Chief of Police Jenkins, Captain of Detectives Moore and Detective Collins of the local police department.

Without a moment's delay, the officers hustled Murray along the train the length of two cars and then climbed through an open vestibule and directed him towards the express station at the south end of the Union depot yards.

The crowd scrambled through the express cars, under the cars and through opened vestibules, running along to overtake the officers and Murray.

At a point well lighted, the officers turned and gave the camera men an opportunity to snap Murray.

### Murray Still Smiles

Murray smiled—although a trifle nervous—but he calmed himself as the crowd raged him in and women employees of the depot joined the men in pressing closer and closer on the officers.

"Hello, Kelly," Murray cried suddenly as he turned his head in it

he had suddenly recognized his partner in flight.

For an instant the crowd gasped. Many turned their heads to see if Kelly was actually there.

Then realizing that the murderer was pulling some stuff that has made him a page one story several times in the past three years the crowd joined Murray in a smile. "I'd like some coffee," said Murray as the officers discussed whether to take Murray to the police station for questioning or to start at once for the penitentiary.

"Well, we'll fix you up at the station, Tom," said Jenkins.

"Oh, give me some real coffee. Chief, I know that jail house coffee and this may be the last time I will have a chance to get some good coffee. Let me have some in the station, Chief."

### Known by Waitress

Jenkins assented and the party started for the depot restaurant.

"He's changed a lot since I saw him last," said one of the waitresses.

"Did you know him?" gasped one of the other waitresses.

"Sure I've seen him lots of times."

"Say, how about this bird Carson," asked another spectator.

"I'll bet he is scared to death," was the reply. "I'll bet he'll get to the depot and buy a thousand dollars worth of ticket somewhere."

At the lunch counter Murray exhibited a prodigious appetite, considering the hearty meal he made at Centralia after his arrest early this morning.

"I could cheerfully cut you to bits and laugh while I was doing it," officers said Murray told Phil Carson, who caused his arrest in Centralia early today as they were enroute to Portland.

"I would a thousand times rather be in my place than in yours—and I'm going to hang," Murray continued.

His eyes gleamed with hate. There was only one thing on which Murray would talk—his prison break, and he talked little on that, after learning that the letter he had dictated to Charles Newman, New Era rancher, had been printed.

"That letter told the absolute truth, so help me God," he said, "and I wouldn't retract a word of it if I hang—as I probably will."

He rubbed his hand nervously over his throat.

"Did you leave Portland the same night you made young Leslie Newman drive you here?" he was asked. "Listen," retorted Murray. "I'm

a crook, see? and a murderer, and a tough egg. And that young Hoosier who brought me here is a gentleman and an honest man, get me? You take his word for what happened."

"Well what about the Tenth and Washington street story you told him to tell?" he was asked.

### Can't Remember

"I don't remember where I got out of the car," Murray retorted.

Philip Carson had told police in Centralia that Murray had confided to him that they got out of the car in the Kenton district, then made young Newman say he let them out on the West Side. "Did you go to Hood River that night?" was the next question. "I fell asleep and don't remember," the young bandit retorted.

Then with an impatient gesture—"What the hell difference does it make? You can't believe me. I'm a cold blooded murderer and a crook and a thief. And anything I say will probably be used against me."

### Under Heavy Guard

Under heavy guard he was transported to the Portland police station, where he was seated on a long bench.

"I remember this bench," he said and grinned. "I sat on it two years ago."

Police easily recalled the time Murray was arrested here following the Florence bank hold up, in a residence on the east side by a detail or police headed by Captain Moore and Detective Goltz.

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"We want a little talk with you," said Captain Moore.

Goltz urged the youth to tell the hiding place of Kelly and Willos, whom Carson said, Murray left in White Salmon, Wash. yesterday.

### Not a Switch

"They may go to your mother's home, Tom," he said. "They may think they would be safer there than anywhere else. And if they got there, and the police found out about it, there'd be a fight. You know that. And your mother might get killed. You wouldn't want that to happen, would you? You'd better tell us where they are."

"Now, listen to me," retorted Murray. "Listen to me. Didn't Willos kill a guard who was ready to shoot me? Didn't he save my life? I'd be a fine—to spill on him, wouldn't I? I'm not like the bird who squealed on me and you know it."

"Not even if I hang," he added. "Do you think Eva Saerman told on you when you got arrested before?" he was asked.

### Bitter at Woman

"She got me where I am now," said Murray vindictively. "If it had not been for her, I wouldn't be here. You or she or anybody else can't make me believe she didn't snitch."

"Do you bear her any ill will?" "Say," drawing it, "whadya want me to do? turn the other cheek and get hit with a brick? get off your foot."

Eva Saerman, held in the city jail on a charge of possessing liquor, has been mentioned as the woman who had told on Murray when he was last arrested here.

She had denied vehemently having anything to do with Murray's arrest.

"Do you love her?" was another question asked Murray.

He grinned. "Now you're getting into politics," he answered. "Tell her not to worry. I'm gonna hang" and he rubbed his throat reflectively.

## At The LIBERTY

Anita Stewart, the star at "Baree, Son of Kazan," which opens at the Liberty Theatre Sunday is a 33d degree "Snow-bird." She qualified for membership in that select circle of all-year-round swimmers when floating on a below-zero morning down a blood-chilling black river between snow-covered, icicle-decorated banks in the face of an icy canyon breeze.

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