

TWO PRISONERS DIG WAY OUT OF JOSEPHINE JAIL

Alleged Burglar and Reput- ed Forger make Success- ful Sunday Escape

HELD TO GRAND JURY

Sheriff Discovers Hole in Cell Wall Long After They Have Run Away

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Two prisoners, Lewis Carlisle and J. M. Darling, held in the county jail here for appearance before the grand jury, escaped some time yesterday afternoon through a hole they dug in the wall of their cell.

Sheriff William Hayes said the men dug their way out with a large screwdriver and an iron bar which he declared were passed to the prisoners from someone on the outside. Carlisle and Darling were the only inmates of the jail at the time of the break.

Carlisle has been held since December 9, on a burglary charge. Darling since last September on a forgery charge.

Woman Admits Arson Charge

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Mrs. Minnie Whelpley, 53, of Ashland, indicted for arson and charged with setting fire to the home of her neighbor, Miss Jane McCoy, 70, in a moment of spite, December 12, entered a plea of guilty before Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas, this morning and entered a further plea of insanity. The date of the hearing has not been set.

Synthetic Guinea Pigs Propagated

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—(P)—Synthetic guinea pigs, produced by careful breedings were described to the annual convention of the American association for the advancement of science today by Prof. H. L. Ibsen of the Kansas State Agricultural college. His experiments on these little animals, he hoped, would lead to a better comprehension of the factors entailed in the breeding of superior livestock.

By careful mating the scientist obtained new types of guinea pigs, superior from the show man's point of view, to their parents. One of his products, he said, is a "synthetic" pink eyed white guinea pig with a Roman nose and drooping ears.

Weather Normal in Coast States

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—(P)—Weather today was normal throughout the region west of the rocky mountains except in northern California, the United States weather bureau reported here. Over the Puget Sound country, centering here, lay a dense fog.

Temperature indications throughout the Pacific northwest were the following minimums last night, all being above zero:

Oregon—Baker City, 16.
Idaho—Pocatello, 22; Boise 28.
Western Montana—Helena, 26.
In eastern Washington, that part of the state beyond the Cascade mountains from here, Yakima and Spokane had each 32 and Walla Walla 34.

The temperature dropped to 37 above zero here last night and had climbed to 40 by mid-forenoon. This mark, the lowest this month, was equalled December 14. The coldest here since last winter, 32, November 23 and 25.

EUGENE SHIVERS Confined to Bed

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 28.—The mercury slumped to the 32 degree mark here last night, and today was cloudy and cold. The maximum temperature yesterday, a bright and clear day, was 47 degrees.

NEW YORK.—Robert Mayokow, an eskimo who is seeing the sights here might be sorry that he left in Alaska the Eskimo equivalent for his heavy underwear.

1925 Banner Building Year For This City

More Houses Constructed Than Ever Before

With \$4500 in building permits on file to be considered at tonight's meeting of the city council, the past year will close with greater activity than in any other previous year, though the total volume of permits will not be large.

In 1924 construction of dry kilns by the Ewanna Box company and improvements by the California Oregon Power company on Link river were included in the total of permits.

This year all permits have almost without exception been for residences, apartments or business buildings.

Totals for the year have not yet been tabulated, according to City Recorder Gaghagen.

Autos Crash In Heavy Fog

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—Eleven auto accidents on the Pacific highway, international road from Canada to Mexico between here and the American boundary, 20 miles south, were blamed on fog yesterday.

Mildred Green, Bellingham, Wash., and Edgar Putnam of this city were injured in a head-on collision. W. H. Munroe of Bellingham, one of the drivers, said that he was on the wrong side of the road, but that he couldn't tell it in the gloom.

A machine driven by J. T. Mackenzie, Bremerton, Wash., in trying to avoid another machine, turned over into a ditch and burned Mackenzie, H. Crosswell and H. Kelly were all slightly hurt.

Alleged Still Owner Is Held Arson Charge

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Joe Nelson, a transient barber, was arrested here last night charged with possession of a still, and a companion, Emery Shirley is being sought by local officers on charges of white slavery. Shirley slipped down a fire escape at the hotel where he was staying and made a getaway while Nelson was being interviewed in the lobby.

Sheriff Starmer says that deputies have been watching the two men and the woman, who is detained as a witness, for the past ten days, and that the men were tracked to a still found about fifteen miles east of Sutherlin.

THREE INJURED ABOARD WARSHIP

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—In a head-on collision this morning between a car driven by John Peter and one driven by Robert W. Smith, on the Jacksonville highway, Onley Varney and Clara Smallwood of Butte Falls, Ore., sustained cuts and bruises about the head and face. The accident was attributed to a heavy fog which has hung over the valley for the past two days.

Four Dead from Extreme Weather

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—(P)—Four deaths, one from freezing and three from asphyxiation, was the toll of the cold wave in Baltimore today.

Fred E. Berg, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad trackman, found unconscious from the cold, died in a hospital. Three others were victims of gas in rooms tightly closed against the cold.

Colonel Coolidge Confined to Bed

PLYMOUTH, Va., Dec. 28.—(P)—Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was confined to his bed today because he has lost the use of his right leg due to faulty circulation. Dr. Albert C. Cram of Bridgewater, his personal physician, said his patient's condition was not to be considered serious.

SEVEN ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS HELD BY POLICE

Notorious International Gang is Rounded up at Elizabeth, N. J.

TAKE PARAPHERNALIA

Newark Jeweler Held as one of Chief Suspects— Had New System

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 28.—(P)—Police here were informed today that seven alleged international counterfeiters in New York had been arrested as a result of apprehension of Frank Weigand, on similar charges, here yesterday.

Weigand, a former Newark jeweler, was taken in custody at his home by three secret service agents.

Federal agents said that the eight arrests and three additional ones, which they hoped to make today, would dispose of a band of counterfeiters whose operations extended throughout the United States and Canada.

Cameras and plates and other apparatus for the manufacture of spurious money were found at Weigand's home and a partial confession was obtained, the officers said.

The agents said that instead of printing presses, the counterfeiters employed a photoengraving process involving a specially prepared paper from England.

William Harcombe Will Be Appointed

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—William Harcombe, Dallas, attorney, has been named by Governor Walter M. Pierce to succeed Joseph Helgeson, as Polk county district attorney, when the office is vacated January 1.

Helgeson is to resign to become assistant United States district attorney at Portland. Harcombe was a candidate for the Polk county office at the last election and was defeated by Helgeson. He is a democrat.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES IN GRIP OF BITTER COLD

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—(P)—King winter, who accompanied Santa Claus on his Christmas errand last week, continued to rule with an icy hand in the Rocky mountain states today.

Miles City, Mont., was hardest hit. The temperature, which was 16 below zero, dropped to 20 below.

It was one above in Denver. The cold wave was hardly felt in Arizona and Utah. Phoenix had a low temperature of 54 degrees above, Salt Lake City's coldest was 30 degrees. Santa Fe, New Mexico, reported cold weather of the winter, eight degrees above.

Changes Made At State Pen

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Two more changes in the guard personnel at the state prison are announced today by Warden J. W. Lillie, who is reorganizing his forces.

C. W. Libby, of Salem, an ex-serviceman, is named to succeed Carl Green, of Oregon City, resigned, as night chapel guard. The resignation of Peter J. White, guard who was in the turnkey's office at the time of the Murray-Wilcox-Kelley break of August 12, when Murray and Oregon Jones entered the office, put three guards to rout and commandeered the arms with which they shot their way out of the prison, was also announced.

White was a guard on the front lawn, and his place has been made unnecessary by the construction of a guard tower over the main gate. He will not be replaced.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—A motion for a new trial was filed in the circuit court this morning by Omar W. Murphy, well known local resident found guilty of manslaughter last month.

225 Children Absent From School Today

18 Per Cent of En- rollment Fails to Show Up

City schools opened this morning with ranks sadly depleted, many parents evidently giving credence to rumors prevalent regarding the meningitis epidemic and being unwilling to risk exposing their children. Among those present in school was the son of County Health Officer G. S. Newsom, due to Newsom's expressed belief that school was as safe as any place.

A total of 225 children failed to report today, out of an approximate average attendance of 1224.

The Mills addition school was the greatest sufferer, with 75 absent out of an enrollment of 240.

The Central school ran a close race for second place, reporting 66 absent out of 300.

There were 31 missing from the Fairview school, out of 230 normal. Pelican City was short 27 and Riverside had 25 absent. Enrollment at Pelican City is 112 at Riverside 242.

According to school officials, the number absent is greater than at any time in recent years.

County schools, including the Klamath High school are now scheduled to open January 4.

Butler Takes Last Fling At Philadelphia

Dismissed Director Says City Is "Cess- pool"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—Brigadier General Smedley Butler today withdrew his resignation from the marine corps.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—(P)—Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, in his own words, has issued his "last blast" and this morning in Washington, trying to get back into the Marines, from which he resigned shortly before he was dismissed last Wednesday by Mayor W. Freeland Kendrick, as safety director of Philadelphia. He left Pittsburgh late last night after delivering an address in which he flayed the "political bosses" of Philadelphia; gave his version of why he was "fired"; described the Quaker city as a cesspool and declared that "because the gang got me fired, they didn't bluff me."

The general, in his talk, delivered before a law enforcement rally, declared that Mayor Kendrick was "all right," but that "he is just in a jam, that's all. No hard feelings toward him or anybody else. It is just a war and, unfortunately it came to a stage where I was not to any longer carry on my shoulders the stigma of not enforcing the law on rich and poor, big and little all alike. I was determined not to get out of Philadelphia until some of the big fellows were hit. I was sorry to go around and grab the little saloon, but there is a big difference between him and hitting at a five million dollar hotel."

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MISSION FAILS

DAMASCUS, Syria, Dec. 28.—(P)—A Druse delegation headed by Emir Emin Arblan, which recently visited Sueda, capital of the Djebel Druse country, to discuss peace between the tribesmen and the French, apparently failed in its mission.

DEPORTED JAPS SCORE ANOTHER POINT IN CASE

Treaty With Orient Ordered not Stricken From Re- cords by Jurist

SEEK BIG DAMAGES

Workers Forcibly Taken from Toledo Demanding \$125,000 Bailm

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Japanese plaintiffs in damage suits aggregating \$125,000 growing out of the deportation last July of Japanese mill workers from Toledo, Ore., scored a second point today in federal court. Judge C. E. Wolverton overruled the motion of the defendant citizens of Toledo that a clause of a treaty between the United States and Japan guaranteeing protection to citizens and subjects of the two nations be stricken from the complaint.

Recently the plaintiffs scored when the court overruled the defendant's motion to require the Japanese to provide bonds guaranteeing the payment of costs of the case.

B. A. Green, attorney for the Toledo defendants, declared that the treaty could have no application to a "brawl" as he characterized the occurrence upon which the suit is based.

The five Japanese are suing nine citizens of Toledo charged with being leaders of a mob that forced the Japanese to leave Toledo where they were employed in a mill.

Oregon Teachers Convene Tuesday

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Teachers of Oregon have been arriving in Portland since yesterday for the annual Oregon state teachers' convention.

Preliminary conferences by officers of the organizations are under way today, and formal opening of the convention will be at 9 o'clock tomorrow, with a session of the representative council, which is the official voting body of the organization and composed of accredited delegates.

Disabled Ship Reaches Japan

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—The rudderless freight West O'Rowa reached Hakodate, Japan, Sunday, victor in a battle of nearly a month with the Pacific ocean. Crippled by the loss of her rudder on December 1, the vessel, after repeated attempts by other steamers to tow her, made her way to the Japanese port by steering with a jury rudder composed of two hawsers dragged from her stern. The Columbia Pacific Shipping company here was notified today by Captain Robert Wilson of the vessel's arrival at Hakodate. Repairs will be made at Hakodate.

Highway Shops Will Stay Here

Because of the great amount of maintenance work in this district, the shops of the state highway department will remain in Klamath Falls, although the administrative offices will be removed to Bend.

This was the word received today by the chamber of commerce in a letter from William Doby, chairman of the state highway commission.

It was first reported several weeks ago that this district would be put under the jurisdiction of The Dalles office, but Judge Doby later decided to make the change to Bend because of its more central location.

SYNTHETIC COLD SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(P)

The west is suffering from a sort of synthetic cold snap. That is the way the United States weather bureau sums up the situation.

NEW YORK.—Mrs. David Belasco is seriously ill. Her son-in-law, Morris Gest, is arranging for a speedy trip from St. Louis.

Voters Pass Bond Issue For Schools

\$75,000 To Be Spent On County Build- ings

Voters in the rural districts passed by a 5 to 1 margin the bond issue providing \$75,000 for use in making repairs on county schools and building new ones, according to a tabulation in the office of Fred E. Peterson, county school superintendent.

Although all returns are not yet in, indications are that the final vote will be about 275 to 55.

Improvements contemplated include building of additions to the Sprague River and Chiloquin-Moody schools.

A new school is to be built at Kirk and one in the Altamont addition.

Either a new school or an addition to the present one will be provided in the Chelsea-Miller Hill district.

Gen. Pershing To Come Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(P)—Because of failing health General John J. Pershing is expected to return here within the next month from Africa, Chile, where he is representing President Coolidge in the Chilean-Peruvian arbitration over Tacna-Arica.

His physicians have recommended that he begin the homeward trip not later than January 15, and he may depart before if proper arrangements can be made.

Carnahan Out As Lawyer For Water District

J. H. Carnahan, attorney for the Klamath Irrigation district for the past year, submitted his resignation to the board late Saturday afternoon. The resignation was received too late for presentation to the board at its meeting that day.

Mr. Carnahan said he would be unable to continue as attorney for the district because of the press of other business and he did not feel he could do justice to his clients should he remain as attorney for the board.

So far no successor has been suggested by board members. They will consider the resignation and the appointment of a successor at their meeting next Saturday.

Burglars Rob Country Store

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—Robbers broke into and robbed the general store of J. F. Welnet, at Airile, in southern Polk county, sometime last night and escaped with loot estimated to be worth about \$150, including clothing and a small amount of money.

Entrance to the store was gained by breaking a front window. The post office, housed in the same room was not molested.

Sheriff Hooker, who investigated the robbery, said that the robbers left no clues.

FREIGHTER SUNK NEAR VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—In profound fog 30 miles south of here the Lady Cynthia, a passenger liner, last night rammed and sank the Cowichan, a freighter. The Cowichan sank in 11 minutes from the clash. The Cynthia picked up her 14 passengers and 31 personnel.

TWO INJURED IN HEAD-ON CRASH

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—(P)—Three men were injured today when an acetylene tank exploded on board the U. S. S. Florida now in dry dock at the Charlestown navy yard. The explosion, the cause of which has not been determined, was followed by fire which was extinguished with but slight damage.

Icy Blasts Sweep Over Continent

Death and Destruction Come in Wake of Bitter Cold

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Astronomers, with their eyes on sun spots and other solar phenomena and weather prophets, who recently warned of bitter cold weather the latter part of December, have seen their predictions come true.

Sweeping out of the north west like valkyries bent on destruction, the icy winds of winter time have invaded almost every section of the United States and Canada leaving death and destruction as a week-end aftermath.

From the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic seaboard, freezing and sub-zero temperatures prevailed with virtually no relief in sight today but with some moderation promised Tuesday. The cold break from the northland pushed even into the heart of Dixie and beyond to the northern reaches of Florida.

Nearly 30 deaths were attributed to the cold, accidents were numerous, property valued at several millions was destroyed by fire and great suffering was caused among the poor and homeless. In the east, particularly the low temperatures brought home the seriousness of hard coal strikes, now in its seventeenth week. Below zero temperatures were recorded in several parts of Pennsylvania and other anthracite producing regions.

While most of the continent was in the grip of the cold wave, elemental manifestations of other (Continued on page two)

ACCUSED DOCTOR IS TAKEN NORTH

Dr. R. B. Craver, held on a charge of violating the federal narcotic laws, and Walter Davis, colored, held as an alleged accomplice, were taken to Portland yesterday by a deputy U. S. marshal pending grand jury investigation by federal operatives and city police.

William Marx, local attorney, will leave in the morning for Portland where he will represent the accused physician. He expects to be gone for at least a week.

Salem To Get Linen Factory

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28.—(P)—By a unanimous vote the board of directors of the new Oregon Lint Mill Inc., was instructed by the stockholders, at a chamber of commerce meeting today to go ahead with the construction of a linen factory in Salem. The vote carried with it an expression of confidence in the board.

LEAVING TOMORROW

Miss Gertrude Bekman of the Gertrude Hat shop is leaving on the morning train for San Francisco, planning to spend the New Year holidays there, enroute east to New York City, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis where she will purchase millinery and attend the spring style show openings.