

TRACY ELUDES HIS PURSUERS

Deputies and Bloodhounds Unable to Find Him

MANY RUMORS ARE RIFE

The Story of a Bloody Fight Is Told in Seattle

CLOSE SEARCH THROUGH THE BRUSH WHERE TRACY FOUGHT THE GUARDS ON THURSDAY NIGHT DID NOT REVEAL A TRACE OF HIM.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 11.—The bloodhounds and scores of deputy sheriffs were unable to stir Outlaw Tracy from his concealment in the brush near Covington today. The hounds were started on the trail early this morning, and were worked in every direction throughout the day without success. Darkness fell with less encouragement for the hunters than were the conditions of Wednesday evening. Every kind of a rumor was received from the scene of the search today. At one time the report was started that a battle had been fought, resulting in the death of seven deputies and the wounding of the convict. Diligent search for the source of this rumor met with failure. It is believed to be absolutely groundless, yet it cannot be branded so until every part of the pursuing crews has been heard from.

Fugitive Wounded.

Seattle, Wash., July 11.—At dawn this morning the sheriffs and deputies of the several counties started for the country immediately adjoining the place where Tracy was fired upon by four guards last night. Every part of the district for several miles around was carefully gone over, by men who expected at any moment to hear the rear of the convict's Winchester. The wily fugitive, however, was not to be found, nor was there a trace of him. The description of last night's battle, given today, brought out the belief that Tracy was possibly wounded in the affray. It appears that the convict was within a few feet when he was challenged by the guards. He jumped into the brush at the sound of voices, but could have gone but a very short distance before sixteen shots were fired from the rifles. All the deputies engaged in the encounter are good marksmen, and though but an indefinite idea of the convict's location could be gained it is thought that at least one of the rifle balls must have found the mark. If it does develop that the fugitive was wounded, this will add largely to the chances of his early capture.

Fight With Tracy.

Tacoma, July 11.—A special to the News this morning says: After midnight at Covington, last night, Tracy performed his wonderful vanishing act once more, but not until there had been a lively exchange of shots. In the fighting no one was hurt, though when the outlaw fired twice at T. E. Crowe, he was so close that the deputy could feel the burning powder as it was blown from the gun. When darkness fell, Tracy was thought to be securely penned on the point of the western bluff, where he had lain concealed all the afternoon. Sheriff Zimmerman and a reporter were on the point of another bluff 100 yards away, each party watching the other from ambush. Guards came up, but did not ascend either eminence, as Tracy's position commanded both hills. Several hours after dark, though the guards were stationed thickly, one being posted every 50 feet, he successfully eluded them and traveled up the roadbed of the Palmer cut-off toward Covington, five miles distant. At midnight Tracy arrived at the saw mill plant of the Covington Lumber Company, a mile from this place. Deputy Sheriffs J. A. Bunce, Fred C. Bunce, Galvin and Crowe, were guarding this point. Deputies Crowe and Bunce, father and son, had posted themselves on the railroad near the saw mill at the entrance of the big cut, through a rise of ground, the Bunces being on the outer guard line. They were hardly settled when they heard footsteps approaching from the Auburn side, but remained quiet until the unknown had almost come abreast of them, when the challenge to halt was given. "Hello," responded the stranger. "What's your name?" demanded J. A. Bunce. "My name is Anderson." As he gave this reply, Tracy, for it was he, started to run. The deputies again called upon him to halt, but he kept going, and they opened fire, shooting four times each. Tracy ran up the track, and a few yards farther encountered Deputy Sheriff Crowe. "Who goes there?" challenged the officer. "A deputy," coolly responded the outlaw. Crowe, thinking it was the elder Bunce, started to approach, when Tracy at close range fired two shots. The bullets barely missed Crowe. Tracy turned and entered the brush along the side of the track, where he was lost in the blackness of the night. The deputies made a hurried circle through the woods to Covington to head Tracy off, but on their arrival found that he had not passed the station.

Merrill Again Shows Up.

Seattle, July 11.—A special to the Times from Covington, Wash., says: A man answering the description of Tracy's partner in the Salem outbreak, Merrill, appeared at Ravensdale yesterday afternoon. The man showed up at a house 1 1/2 miles east of that place, held up the family for dinner, and later returned to the house from the woods and procured a supply of provisions. The man had revolvers with him, and had two front teeth out, and in other ways closely resembled Merrill. Details of all that took place are lacking here, but the source of information is considered sufficiently authentic to cause

the posse to take the incident into their calculations. It is considered probable that Tracy and Merrill have a more or less understood plan of action. In other words, that Merrill may be one of the men whom the officers believe are to work with Tracy, as outlined in the special dispatches from Auburn.

Is His Life Charmed?

SEATTLE, July 11.—Does Tracy bear a charmed life? Is some supernatural power ever present with him? If not, then why does he have such phenomenal escapes from the numerous posses, militias, revenue cutters, launches, tugs, etc.?

There are many people in Seattle who have expressed their belief that Tracy was in some manner aided by spirits or some omnipresent psychical power. They cannot otherwise explain the many narrow escapes he has had from his pursuers. There is a man in Seattle who, according to his own story, pulled his rifle trigger four times, having a perfect bead on Tracy's head, but each time the weapon refused to work. "That," said he, "could not happen unless some mysterious force was with Tracy, ever protecting him from the men who have been hounding him since he left the Salem prison." "But," argued the writer, "might not that be due to some fault of the firearm?" "Well," he replied, "it is possible, but with what I already believe relative to unknown forces of the occult world, I am firmly convinced that Tracy bears a charmed life. So firmly am I of that opinion that I have determined never to go out after him again. I prophesy that Tracy will never die by bullet, and also I venture to say he will not be captured by the officers."

The speaker said he knew of officers who thought as he did, and that there were others who were almost ready to believe that such was the case.

CONVICTED OF TREASON

Two Filipino Generals Sentenced to Imprisonment

AND TO PAY HEAVY FINES

The Gradual Withdrawal of the Philippine Friars

THE VATICAN GIVES ITS VERBAL ASSURANCE THAT THIS WILL BE DONE—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO DECIDE THE QUESTION—AN OFFICER TRIED.

MANILA, July 11.—General Maxilin, who has been convicted of treason at Cebu, Island of Cebu, has been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$2000.

General Noviso, who was jointly charged with Maxilin, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and to pay a small fine.

Will Withdraw Friars.

Rome, July 11.—It is understood that the question of the withdrawal of friars from the Philippines could be settled immediately, if Washington would accept the oral assurance of the Vatican that they will be withdrawn gradually. It is believed here that only President Roosevelt can decide whether such a promise shall be accepted.

Will Be Acquitted.

Manila, July 11.—The court-martial of Captain J. A. Ryan, Fifth Cavalry, on the charge of unnecessary severity to natives, was concluded today. It is believed he will be acquitted.

Summer in Command.

Manila, July 11.—General Davis has turned over the command of the American troops in Mindanao Island to General Sumner.

The Cholera.

Manila, July 11.—The spread of the cholera has slightly decreased. The totals since the outbreak are: Manila, 2181 cases, 1718 deaths; provinces, 12,474 cases, 3357 deaths.

PRIESTS IN PRISON

RESULT OF A CLASH AT THE TOMB OF THE SAVIOR LAST FALL

JERUSALEM, July 11.—A sensational trial here, the result of a clash between the Greek and Latin Monks in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, surrounding Christ's tomb in November last, has resulted in the sentencing of 34 Greeks, including 12 priests, to terms of imprisonment ranging from a week to nine months. The most interesting point which developed after the disturbance was the fact not generally known, that Germany and Italy, in supporting the claims of their wounded monks, obtained an trade from the Sultan recognizing their right to protect their subjects, and that thus France's claim to an exclusive protectorate over all the Catholic clergy in the East is no longer admitted.

The dispute between the Franciscans and the Greeks arose on the question of sweeping the church. Troops had been posted in the vicinity for several days previous to the outbreak in order to prevent the anticipated collision, but they were suddenly outnumbered and overpowered by the contending parties. There were several casualties on both sides.

BOUGHT ROOSEVELT'S BOOKS.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Queen Alexandra, at the coronation banquet in the botanical gardens, which she opened, paid an exceedingly delicate compliment to President Roosevelt, says a Herald dispatch from London. After being received at the American court by Mrs. Choate and Mrs. Whitelaw Field, she carefully examined the articles on sale and selected a volume of President Roosevelt's writings, saying she anticipated much pleasure in reading it.

THE HORROR AT JOHNSTOWN

Nearly One Hundred Dead Bodies Recovered

FEW LIVE MEN ARE FOUND

Heroic Work Was Done By a Small Rescue Party

BRAVE MEN FACED DEATH IN ITS MOST HORRIBLE FORM TO SAVE THEIR FRIENDS WHO HAD BECOME RAVING MANIACS IN THE MINE.

JOHNSTOWN Pa., July 11.—The impression prevails among outsiders and certain employees of the Cambria Steel Company that 100 is the lowest estimate of the death list of the Rolling Mill mine. Eighty-seven bodies and fourteen live men were brought from the mine today. The mine officials will make no estimate of dead.

The heroic work was done by the rescue party of forty today. It is difficult to picture, with any degree approaching its full worth, the work of rescue. How brave men went into the jaws of death in its most horrible form, and encountered their fellow men transformed into raving maniacs by the hours of waiting in the pitch darkness of the earth's interior, lifted them moaning from their beds of fallen rock and then, bending and crawling on all fours, carrying them a quarter of a mile under ground to where the cars could be reached to take them to the outside.

One of the volunteer rescuers who came out with a load of dead stated that fire was raging in parts of the mine. Most of those who were brought out alive had saved themselves by crawling into a chamber, and turning a valve on the compressed air line which runs along the entry.

FLOODS IN KANSAS

BREAK ALL RECORDS IN MANY PLACES—RAILROADS COVERED FIFTEEN FEET DEEP.

TOPEKA, Kans., July 11.—A special from Manhattan says: The water is 12 feet high on the Union Pacific tracks here. The railroad bridge over the Blue river is covered to a depth of five feet and the water is rapidly rising. William R. Kickey, a soldier in the Eighth Cavalry from Fort Riley, was drowned here this evening. All trains are blocked. The Kansas river has been steadily rising, and has reached the highest point. The gauge shows over 15 feet higher than the ordinary high water mark. A number of families have been obliged to leave their houses.

Flood Sufferers.

Des Moines, Ia., July 11.—Hundreds of homeless flood sufferers spent the night in schoolhouse yards and in downtown parks without so much as a blanket to cover them. Some had to beg for food, although every possible effort is being taken to provide for them. The charity societies and city officials are becoming better organized today, and it is believed the wants will be generally met. The smallpox hospital and the city hall and jail have been filled with cots. These can accommodate but a small portion of those who need shelter, however, and thereby are being distributed.

Neither the Des Moines nor the Raccoon river has receded much. The net decline since the highest point was reached yesterday is but two or three inches, and the Des Moines actually rose half an inch during the night. It is believed the situation in the flooded district cannot be materially relieved for several days, and that when the water finally reaches its former channel an epidemic of malaria and typhoid fever will prevail.

An estimate of the damage at this time is practically impossible. It is expected to reach \$1,000,000.

WILL END ONE TRUST

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT CONSENTS TO ALLOW ANYBODY TO BUILD RURAL MAIL BOXES.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—At last the Postoffice Department has consented to break up the infamous "14 box-makers' trust." This is a combination of 14 manufacturing firms which have had a concession from the Department to be the exclusive purveyors of rural free delivery boxes to the farmers. Only certain styles of boxes were permitted by the Department, and these manufacturers had a monopoly of these styles. No competition was permitted. The farmers had to buy boxes of a certain approved pattern and they had to pay the certain approved price set by the trust. Hereafter anyone may compete so long as the box meets certain requirements prescribed by the authorities.

SOUFFRIERE IS ACTIVE

VOLCANO ON ST. VINCENT IS AGAIN THREATENING THE ISLAND.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., July 11.—On Wednesday there were three loud detonations from the Soufriere volcano on the Island of St. Vincent, between 8 and 10 o'clock at night.

Advices from Barbados say that loud detonations were heard there Wednesday night from a westerly direction.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND

IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF CAPTAIN WARD OF THE ILL-FATED RIO DE JANEIRO.

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., July 11.—A headless body was found on the beach near Fort Baker. It is believed to be

the body of Captain Ward, of the steamer Rio de Janeiro, which sank in the entrance of Golden Gate in February, 1911, causing a loss of many lives. A gold watch found on the body has been identified as the captain's watch.

McLAURIN WILL RESIGN

AS SENATOR FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL JUDGESHIP.

OYSTER BAY, N. J., July 11.—Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, after spending nearly two hours with the President, left this afternoon for New York. While he declined to discuss his appointment to the bench of the United States Court of Claims, it is understood that such has been agreed upon. The probability is that, although McLaurin's term in the Senate will expire on the fourth of next March, he will not complete the term, but will resign to accept the offered judicial position.

WILL END STRIKE.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Mutual concessions by the freight handlers and the railroads have paved the way for conferences between the managers and employees, which, it is hoped, will lead to a settlement of the freight handlers' strike. These conferences will be held tomorrow morning.

BIG MINING DEAL.

TACOMA, July 11.—A half interest in the Klondike States Corporation, owning thirty-eight rich claims in the Klondike districts, has been sold for \$750,000 to a London syndicate, which will expend \$500,000 in development work.

BLOODY DEED IN PORTLAND

Bartender Kills His Wife and Two Other People

FATALLY WOUNDS FOURTH

And Then Surrenders Himself to a Police Officer

MURDERER WHO DID NOT LIVE WITH HIS WIFE, ENTERED HER PARENTS' HOUSE AND BATHED IT IN A SEA OF BLOOD FOR REVENGE.

PORTLAND, Or., July 11.—In a mad desire for revenge for real or supposed wrongs, A. L. Belding, a bartender, tonight shot and killed his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. L. McCroskey, and Frank Woodward, an inmate of the McCroskey house; and fatally wounded his father-in-law, L. McCroskey.

The shooting occurred at the McCroskey home at Fifth and Flanders streets. Belding had not lived with his wife for some time. This evening he went to the home of her parents, where she was living and demanded that she produce their son, a boy of seven. Mrs. Belding informed him the boy was in bed, but Belding insisted on seeing him, and entered the bedroom where the child lay. He remained there for a time and then kissing the child started to leave. On reaching the hallway he met Woodward, whom Belding suspected of intimacy with his wife. Whipping out two revolvers from his pockets, one in each hand, he said to Woodward: "You first," firing at the same instant. Woodward fell dead. Mrs. Belding, who had rushed forward, was next shot, dying almost instantly.

Her parents came upon the scene, and Belding shot them both, Mrs. McCroskey being killed, and McCroskey so badly wounded that he cannot recover. After the bloody work was finished, Belding walked across the street to a saloon and coolly invited a man to take a drink. He then went out to find a policeman and gave himself up. When questioned at the police station, all he would say was: "I am sorry I did not kill them all. They are a bad lot and have treated me badly for years."

TRAVELING EASTWARD.

Tacoma, July 11.—A special to the Evening News from Covington at 10 a. m. says: All indications are that Tracy is following the Palmer railroad cut-off up the mountains, keeping in the timber 100 feet or so from the railroad tracks. If he started at daylight, he had five hours at the disposal of the posse now following with the hounds. It would have been impossible for him to travel through these woods last night. The country is mountainous with the higher woods burned over. He is following the only available route except a back track, which would be dangerous, as he would be forced to river. Sheriff Cuddehe has a big force across the long bridge over Green at this point.

Tracy's trail was picked up, leading from Covington toward Lake Tapps. This route leads through a seven-mile stretch of dense forest, without a dwelling, and would bring him out in the White River Valley, near Buckley.

The pursuers think Tracy will turn back, however, to the railroad further up in the mountains.

TO IGNORE SEATTLE.


MINNEAPOLIS, July 11.—The executive committee of the National Educational Convention today began the consideration of when to hold the next convention. This is never put to a vote of the delegates, but is decided by the executive committee and the board of directors. Boston probably will be selected. Seattle, Wash., is the only other city seriously considered.

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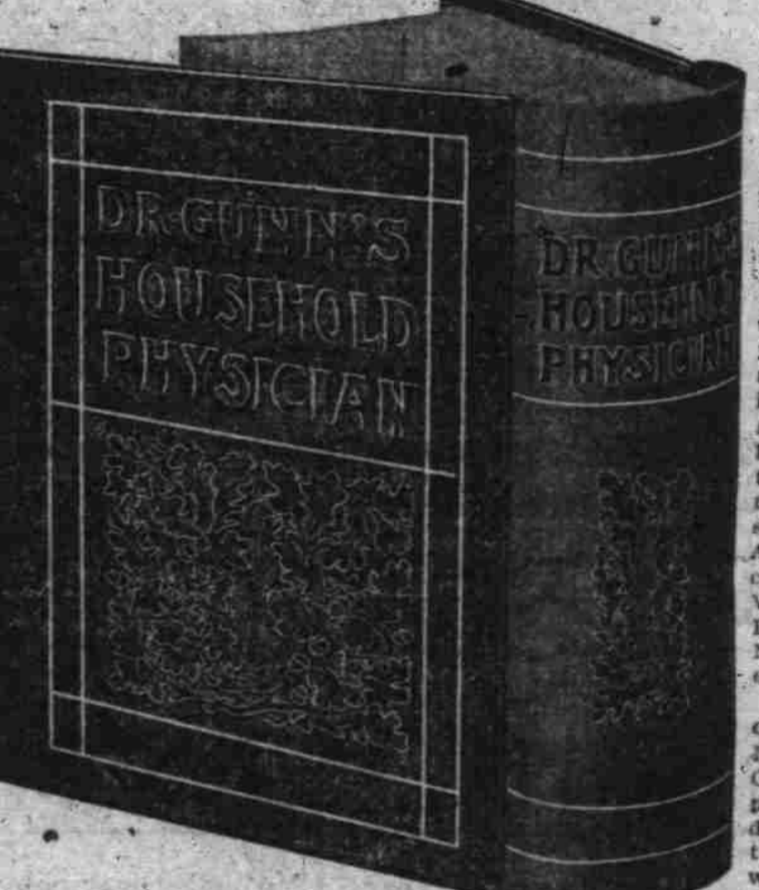
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