

A DESPERATE JAIL-BREAK

Prevented by the Betrayal of the Plotters

FORMER BANKER ST. JOHN

And a Couple of Desperadoes Had Neat Plan Made

TO LEAVE THEIR INVOLUNTARY QUARTERS IN THE WHATCOM JAIL EVEN IF MURDER WAS NECESSARY TO GIVE THEM THEIR LIBERTY.

WHATCOM, Wash., July 15.—Through the squealing of one of the plotters, the sheriff has just been enabled to prevent a desperate jail-break which was to be made by H. St. John, former President of the Scandinavian Bank of this city, and now awaiting sentence for wrecking it, and Bud Cox, a noted desperado and ex-convict.

The story was told to the sheriff by Chas. West. The fourth man was to be John Harrington, who was convicted of assisting Cox in the Fair Haven hold-up.

According to the story told by West twelve saws were smuggled into the jail by friends of St. John. He also stated the plan included the grabbing of Cox, of Sheriff Brislin, and his murder in case he refused to open the jail doors.

Shot in Quarrel. Salt Lake City, Utah, July 15.—Daniel Allen this afternoon shot and instantly killed R. H. Brown. The men who were strangers in the city quarreled in the office of an employment bureau. The men are said to have come here from Indiana.

UMATILLA'S WHEAT

RANCHERS WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IF THE CROP FALLS BELOW LAST YEAR.

ADAMS, Or., July 15.—Harvest may be called really on in Umatilla county, as binders and headers are at work all over the wheat belt, although operations have not advanced very far as yet. Threshing is the final test of yield, and as no threshing has been done it cannot be accurately said how wheat will finally show, but ranchers will be greatly disappointed if the average falls much below last season's crop. At present outfits may be seen working in the west end, the east end and south of Pendleton, while the appearance of wheat from a distance all over makes it look as if cutting were necessary as once. Umatilla county's harvest is the earliest in the inland Empire.

As predicted the wheat tributary to Adams, Weston and Athena is likely to make the best showing. These fields took the lead in the winter, when other districts were being re-sown, and have never lost it. Consequently the reports of 40-bushel wheat will be mostly from this section.

Three thousand acres is an estimate of the wheat destroyed by the rains of the Fourth of July around Weston, Athena and Adams, for it is evident with a number of warm, sunny days gone that lots of it will not rise again. Farmers are cutting actively with mowers and baling for hay. Heads were heavy, and this fall wheat straw almost concealed the ground, rendering stalks utterly unfit to cope with the pelting showers of early July. Many a fine hill piece was destroyed from fence to fence, except for feed. The rain was a blessing in disguise, however, on account of the general benefit done. Harvesters are still plenty, though the supply may run out when the heavy call comes for them in a week or ten days.

THE KING IS AFLOAT

WAS PLACED ON THE ROYAL YACHT YESTERDAY AND WENT TO SEA.

LONDON, July 15.—King Edward left Victoria station at 11:35 o'clock this morning for Portsmouth, where he boarded the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. The King was conveyed from Buckingham Palace to the railway station in an ambulance drawn by two horses. The only other occupant of the ambulance was Queen Alexandra. The vehicle was drawn at a walking pace. Although there was a small crowd at the station there was no demonstration in compliance with the expressed wish of the King.

The doctors and nurses awaited the arrival of the ambulance and a party of blue jackets removed His Majesty from the vehicle to a royal saloon car formerly used by the late Queen Victoria. Absolute secrecy was secured by a lofty screen of red plush, which surrounded the platform.

ON THE ROYAL YACHT

Portsmouth, July 15.—King Edward arrived here from London before 3 p. m. The removal of His Majesty from the train to the royal yacht was safely accomplished by blue jackets and the King's couch was placed in a reception room which had been specially constructed on the upper deck. The weather in the harbor fired a royal salute as the King embarked and all the vessels dressed ship and manned yards or decks. The royal yacht steamed off after the firing was completed.

WAR IN THE FAR EAST

WILL FOLLOW RUSSIA'S REFUSAL TO EVACUATE THE PROVINCE OF MANCHURIA.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 15.—Major-General Dorrance, who was in command of the allied troops at Tien Tsin, arriv-

ed by the steamer Empress of India today. In an interview he said that unless Russia withdrew from Manchuria, according to the terms of the agreement with China, there would be war in the Far East, as Japan was prepared to fight to get Russia out of that territory. Although Russia had not yet made any move toward evacuation, he had no doubt she would do so when she found that Japan was in earnest.

Victoria, B. C., July 15.—Details are given in the Chinese papers, received today, of the blowing up of the Chinese cruiser Kaichi which was lying at Tsingtau and was used as a training ship. The first report placed the loss of life at 250, but more reliable papers say it will not exceed 140. The general belief is that a light was carried into the magazine when men went to get shells to fire a salute.

UNION PACIFIC STRIKE

OMAHA, Neb., July 15.—The striking shopmen of the Union Pacific Railroad Company claim further victories. A number of desertions from the ranks of the local force of imported men have occurred, and the strike leaders say that all the helpers, numbering 30 men, have quit at North Platte. S. H. Grace, who is directing the strike from this point, today denied the assertion of railway officials that all their shops are running with 65 per cent more of their force of men.

HE HAS RESIGNED

BERKELEY, Cal., July 15.—Professor Arthur Lachman, head of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Oregon, has resigned his position to accept a place as Government Investigator of the natural products of the Philippines Islands.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS

GOVERNOR LA FOLLETTE'S FORCES ARE IN CONTROL AND DICTATE TO SPOONER.

MADISON, Wis., July 15.—The Republican State Convention will meet tomorrow. The followers of Governor La Follette, who are in control, are determined that the only condition on which United States Senator Spooner shall be endorsed for re-election, is for him to recall his letter of withdrawal from being a candidate for re-election, and stand upon the principles to be adopted by the committee on resolutions, and support the candidates to be nominated by the convention.

WORST STORM IN HISTORY

Eastern Washington and Oregon Suffer Great Damage

FROM MONDAY'S HIGH WIND

Orchards and Grain Fields Suffered Very Heavy Losses

CAMPERS ON THE SHORES OF MOUNTAIN LAKES WERE IN GREAT DANGER FROM FALLING TREES AND HIGH WATER—RIVERS IN KANSAS REVEDE.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 15.—Dispatches from all sections of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho show that last night's windstorm was the worst in the history of this section. A number of buildings were blown down, roofs lifted, and trees uprooted and twisted off. Much damage was wrought in the orchards and grain fields. In the timbered regions the roads are blocked by fallen trees. Campers on the shores of mountain lakes passed a night of terror. The waves ran so high that they dared not seek refuge on the water from the falling trees around the camps.

Grain Destroyed.

Walla Walla, Wash., July 15.—Reports from the surrounding country say that big windstorm of yesterday has destroyed grain to 50 per cent of the growing grain in the northern and western part of Umatilla county, Oregon. Many warehouses were blown down in the Eureka Flat country.

Water Damage.

Topeka, Kans., July 15.—The high water in the Kansas and Blue rivers has subsided. The damage done to the crops by the flood will reach thousands of dollars.

OIL AT HARRISBURG

AN EXPERT FROM PENNSYLVANIA FOUND EVIDENCES OF OIL IN THE HILLS.

HARRISBURG, July 15.—Much interest has been created in this city over the prospect of the discovery of petroleum on the ranch of Mrs. E. E. Warner, about eleven miles east of here, in the foothills of the Cascade Range. The person making the discovery is Thomas Wilkinson, who arrived here recently from Bradford, Pa. Mr. Wilkinson is an expert oil operator, having been engaged in that business for years in the oil fields of Pennsylvania. He came to Oregon with his family with the intention of locating a home, and for the past week has been the guest of J. E. Warner. In his travels over the extensive stock ranch of the Warners, Mr. Wilkinson discovered what he believes to be untold evidences of the existence of oil in the earth. So certain is he of the fact that he came to this city immediately after his discovery, which was made Saturday, and left post haste for Portland, where his family is, and will return here with them Wednesday. On his return he will organize a company and begin operations.

Before leaving for Portland Mr. Wilkinson obtained an option in several acres of land from Mrs. Warner. He stated that he would send to Bradford for all necessary supplies for drilling.

MERRILL WAS ASSASSINATED

Tracy's Late Companion and Victim Found Dead

IN WOODS NEAR CHEHALIS

Warden James Cannot Identify the Remains Positively

TRACY BELIEVED TO BE NEAR ENUMCLAW, WHERE HE WAS SEEN ON SUNDAY—HE SECURED SERVICES OF A RURAL BARBER TO SHAVE HIM.

CHEHALIS, July 15.—Mrs. Mary Wagoner and her 12-year-old son have found the dead body of David Merrill, who, with Harry Tracy, escaped last month from the Oregon Penitentiary, behind a log on an unfrequented road four miles southeast of this place. The ghastly discovery was made shortly before dark last evening, while Mrs. Wagoner and her son were searching for blackberries. The body was slightly decomposed, but easily recognizable as that of Merrill. There was a bullet hole in the back and another in the left wrist. The body was dressed in dark blue trousers, a dark coat, a black hat, and heavy shoes. It had been dumped over the log head first, and lay with the face concealed. Mrs. Wagoner's son came here this morning and notified the coroner of the find and the body is now being brought in. A settler named Verda, who lives a few hundred yards south of the place where the body was found, has identified it as that of one of two men who went past his place at 5:30 a. m. June 28th, the day Tracy said he killed Merrill. Both men, Verda says, were heavily armed, and he thought at that time that they were Tracy and Merrill.

Another Account.

Tacoma, July 15.—A Chehalis special to the Evening News says: Superintendent Westendorf, of the State Reform School, and Dan W. Bush have returned here, and confirm the story of the finding of the body of the escaped convict, Dave Merrill, who was killed by his pal, Harry Tracy. The body is undoubtedly that of Merrill, and he was killed at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, June 28th. The body was found by Mrs. Mary Wagoner and her 12-year-old son, of Napavine, yesterday afternoon, who will claim the reward of \$2750. While picking berries, they discovered the corpse thrown over a log and jammed between two tree stumps, a few feet off of the main road. A bullet hole is plainly seen in the back, and also one in the wrist. Another is believed to be in the neck. Three, 30-30 Winchester shells were found, one behind a cedar tree at the roadside, and two about 10 feet from the corpse. The indications are that Tracy fired the first shot from behind the tree, and then completed the assassination of his dying pal and brother-in-law. Tracy first told the story that he had killed Merrill the day he rode in a captured launch to Seattle, July 24.

An Inquest Held.

Chehalis, Wash., July 15.—Deputy Coroner H. L. Mead impaneled a jury at noon, and went to the scene of the Merrill tragedy, a mile south of Chehalis. After viewing the surroundings the body was brought to Chehalis, where it rests in an undertaking establishment. The jury examined the body and adjourned until tomorrow. The face was unrecognizable and the body is in a bad state, but a comparison of description of the scars on Merrill's hands, feet and knee, and the color of the hair checked with those on the body. Warden James, of the Salem Penitentiary, would not swear that the body was that of Merrill, but expressed the opinion that it was.

(Superintendent J. D. Lee said yesterday that on Monday evening he received a telegram from Sheriff Edward Deggefer, of Lewis county, Wash., asking if the reward offered for Merrill could be paid for the finding of the body. Mr. Lee answered that the bills sent out spoke for themselves. Later he received a telephone message from the sheriff, asking the same question, and Mr. Lee said that, while the state was willing to pay for the return of the body, the reward was not offered for the finding of a dead body, but for the capture, dead or alive, of the escaped prisoners. Later Mr. Lee was told of the finding of Merrill's body. He at once telegraphed Warden J. T. James, who was at Seattle, to go to Chehalis and identify the body. This Mr. James did, and he last night telegraphed Mr. Lee, that an inquest was being held and that he had examined the body, but while he believed it was that of Merrill, he could not positively swear to it, the remains being badly decomposed. Further news is expected from there this morning.)

Tracy's Last Shave.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer, from Enumclaw, Wash., says: Word reached here this evening that Tracy had dinner on Sunday afternoon with Morris Garner, three and a half miles southeast of Enumclaw. Garner's story has, up to the present been kept quiet by him through fear of the outlaw, who, he said, threatened him. Garner says on Sunday afternoon a man entered his house without knocking, and announced himself as Tracy, saying: "Gentlemen, I am Tracy, and I want something to eat quick." Garner's father and three sons had just finished dinner, so they told him to sit up and help himself, which he proceeded to do, first ordering the two eldest sons to a corner of the room, in front of him, where he could keep them covered with his rifle. At the time of his entrance the youngest boy was shaving. After eating his dinner, Tracy said: "Young man, come here and shave me." Upon the young man's demurring, Tracy said: "That's all right, I am not particu-

lar, and if I don't kick, you need not," whereupon young Garner lathered his face and proceeded to remove his beard. After being shaved he helped himself to a pair of trousers hanging on the wall and went out.

This evening smoke was seen ascending from a small gully in the foothills just east of here, and it is believed by many citizens that the criminal is still lurking in this vicinity.

An Expensive Hunt.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—Already the newspapers of the city have assailed the sheriff's office for the delay in capturing Tracy. Another point of attack directed at the sheriff's office is the matter of expense that is being incurred in the long chase after the murderer convict. The newspapers evidently think they must protect the interests of the taxpayers of King county, even if the chase after Tracy has to be abandoned altogether.

However, it appears that there is no cause for worry along the lines stated. Under Sheriff William Corcoran says that the chase will never be abandoned as long as Tracy lives and is at large, neither will the county commissioners shut off the sheriff in the matter of expense.

"The expense to King county for the Tracy man-hunt to date does not total \$1500," said Corcoran, "and there is no call whatever for this hue and cry that is being raised. This Tracy proposition is being conducted along the lines of utmost economy, and I tell you that this office will not let up until Tracy has been placed either behind prison bars, or lies dead in the morgue."

"It is not a question of expense with us, anyway; we will spend \$20,000 if necessary to catch Tracy. Now, supposing that much is expended, and we get Tracy? Is not the money spent to slightly good purpose? May we not get Tracy so simply because it cost money to get him? I say no, and you can state for this office that we will never quit as long as Tracy is at large. There is a warrant in that desk (pointing to the desk in the sheriff's office) charging Tracy with murder in the first degree, and he must be caught."

Under Sheriff Corcoran stated in the course of the interview that the expense of the chase, in his opinion, should be defrayed by Oregon, as the state of Oregon is primarily to blame for the escape of the murderer, Tracy. "In my opinion," said he, "the Oregon officials will ask to defray the entire expense, and perhaps if they will, we will send the bills there anyway."

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Striking Freight Handlers and Railroad Managers

TO END THE DIFFICULTIES

That Have Paralyzed the Business of Chicago

CHICAGO, July 15.—With agreements reached between the four railroads and their employees, the great strike of the freight handlers and teamsters, that has paralyzed the industries of Chicago for a week, is apparently broken. The majority of the strikers are expected to return to work tomorrow. Some of the more radical unionists may refuse to accept the terms accepted by the representatives committees, but apparently they will be able to wield little influence with the majority of the strikers. A mass meeting of the freight handlers was called for tomorrow, and upon the action taken at this meeting will depend the attitude of the striking teamsters.

CRUSHED BY SAWLOGS

A YOUNG MAN NEAR MONITOR DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED.

WOODBURN, July 15.—William Johnson, aged 21 years, died last Saturday morning at his home near Monitor from the effects of injuries received in an accident Thursday evening. He was unloading logs from a wagon at a sawmill the other side of Monitor, and was caught between two logs. He was alone at the time. When found his head was between two logs, squeezed into a three inch space, the rest of the body being above the logs. Had it not been that two knots came together his head would have been crushed to a pulp. Dr. Carrico was summoned but could do nothing to save the life of the young man, whose skull was fractured at the base. Johnson had recently arrived from California, where he had been attending college. The funeral was held Sunday, interment being at Miller cemetery.

BOERS ARE FREE

NEW YORK, July 15.—Among the passengers who arrived by the steamer Pretoria from Bermuda were 106 Boers prisoners from Bermuda. The Boers were clad in the same suits they wore in South Africa. Twenty-one of them had been officers. Among the most prominent of the officers were General J. B. Wessells, Peter Steyn, a brother of President Steyn; J. Devillers, late Attorney-General of the Free State, and Joubert Reitz, a son of the Free State Secretary. None of the officers would talk about the way they had been treated by the British in Bermuda.

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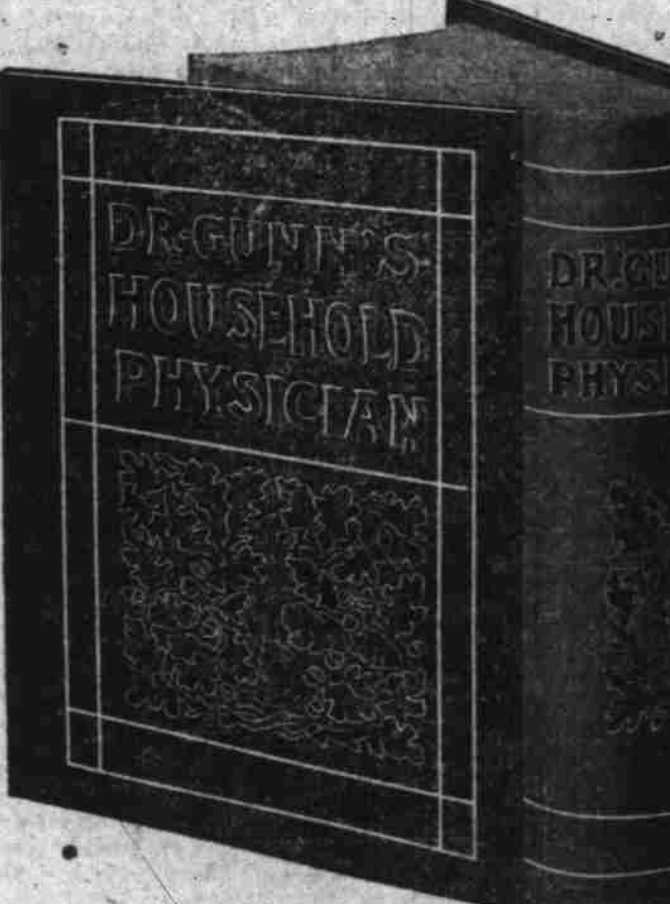
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