

THE CHASE ENDED

MAN-HUNTERS RETURN HOME DE-SPAIRING OF CAPTURE.

People of Chadron, Neb., Think Curry the Leader—Robbers may be Apprehended While on Their Way out of the State.

BUTTE, Mont., July 9.—An Inter-Mountain special from Malta says all hope of capturing the Great Northern robbers has been abandoned. One by one the men who accompanied the authorities in the chase to the southward have returned, and the general opinion appears to be that the robbers have made good their escape. The men composing the sheriff's posse sent out from Glasgow have despaired of capturing the men and the chase has been given up from this end of the line.

Hopes are entertained that the robbers may be apprehended while on their way out of the state, but the authorities of the southern counties of Montana, experienced trackers, are firm in the belief that the riders scattered as soon as they were near the southern boundary of the state, and reached the Hole-in-the-Wall by circuitous routes.

THINK CURRY IS ALIVE.

CHADRON, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—A great deal of interest is being manifested here in regard to the robbery of the Great Northern express in Montana. The surmise that the Curry gang did the work meets with general approval here, as George Curry formerly lived here and by some is supposed to be buried here. It will be remembered that it was reported that he was killed in Colorado while attempting to steal some horses and was afterwards brought here for trial. This story is a highly improbable one, as a man of his desperate disposition and habits would be very unlikely to be so far away from his gang and be engaged in the same work they were famous.

For these reasons it is quite generally thought that the man found in the Chadron cemetery is not George Curry at all, but someone else. This will give the real George Curry, desperate and well schooled in the art of murder and robbery, a splendid opportunity to engage in other deeds of this kind and not to be suspected. As he was the acknowledged leader of the gang in their former palmy days, it is reasonable to believe he is now leading the men who have robbed the Great Northern express and are fleeing for their lives in the winds of Montana.

People who know him and his gang best say that they will probably not barricade themselves in the mountains and stand siege, as is the common method of procedure of such gangs, but they will put on citizen's clothes and go for a time to some quiet little eastern town, where they will live apparently as the people around them do. Curry has several relatives at this place.

Slight Hope for Parole.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 9.—The state pardon board yesterday considered a long list of applications for parole, the most important among them being those of Cole and James Younger, who are now serving life sentences for their connection with the Northfield bank raid in 1876. Their application is made under the provisions of a law enacted by the last legislature, which gave the state board of pardons power to parole life prisoners who have served twenty-five years. The state board consists of Governor Van Sant, Attorney General Douglas and Chief Justice Stuart. A unanimous vote is necessary in the granting of a parole under the new law. The board considered the application, but took the case under advisement and reserved its decision.

Considerable doubt is expressed as to whether the parole will be granted.

Wrote the Famous Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, yesterday issued a formal statement to the effect that he is the author of the famous dispatch to Admiral Dewey ordering him to proceed from Hong Kong to Manila and there capture or destroy the Spanish fleet. Admiral Crowninshield states that he wrote the dispatch in the White house and submitted it to both Attorney General Griggs and the president and that the only change made in the dispatches he wrote was the addition of either the word "capture" or the word "destroy."

The dispatch, according to the admiral, then was handed to Lieutenant Whittlesley, who took it and sent it to Dewey.

In conclusion Mr. Crowninshield says that whatever credit comes from having given the order belongs to the president and Secretary Long.

Flourish Wheat Field Fire.

GREAT BEND, Kas., July 9.—Fifteen thousand acres of wheat went up in flames here this afternoon.

Resume Work at Youngstown.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 9.—The resumption of the mills of the Republic Iron and Steel company, the bar iron combine today is general after a week's shutdown for repairs and 5,000 ironworkers in the twenty-eight mills of the county returned to work. The scale was signed a week ago, the men getting an advance of about 5 per cent. The workers wanted several weeks off but the press of business made that impossible.

TELLS OF THEFT.

Slugged Himself and Set Fire to Court House.

MINDEN, Neb., July 10.—At last the mystery surrounding the robbery of the county treasurer's office and the setting fire to the court house on the evening of June 27 is cleared up. County Treasurer Alfred Norlin has confessed to being the perpetrator of the crime.

At the time of the robbery Detective Malone of Lincoln, Sheriff Hecox and Chief of Police Hill looked carefully into the matter and became convinced in their own minds that Norlin was implicated in the crime, but lacked proof to arrest. The state examiner came and found the office short \$10,011.07. The officers watched closely until yesterday, when they thought it time to strike. Chief of Police Hill arrested Norlin at 5 o'clock last evening on suspicion and asked what he had to say and then Norlin gave way and confessed.

REVEALS THE HIDING PLACE.

He took Hill out in a field of corn near his house and there dug up the box containing \$8,775, which was brought in with him and turned over to the county. This is all Norlin has of the amount shown missing.

He was, according to the story he then told, rushed with work, the necessity of getting out his semi-annual report on July 1 having added considerably to his duties. About 9:25 he got soda water. He came back to the office and again went to work, but still feeling thirsty he went to the hydrant in the court house yard and got another drink. Then he returned and went to work. Suddenly he felt a heavy blow and fell. He said he remembered nothing else until he again recovered consciousness. Then he was lying in the room on his back. He saw the building was on fire. He raised a window and jumped out through the screen. He looked for the lawn hose to use it on the fire. He could not find it. He yelled "fire" and an alarm was turned in. The department responded and put the fire out in short order, saving the building and preventing great damage even to the treasurer's room.

CASH BOX WAS RIFLED.

After the fire it was learned that the small cash box kept in the safe had been opened and all the money taken out. Treasurer Norlin said there was about \$200 in gold and the balance in paper, five, ten and twenty dollar bills. The box was a small one, about 8x4x1-2 inches. It was fastened with a lock and the key to the lock was on the key ring with nine or ten other keys in the county treasurer's pocket.

While the treasurer was at work in the office he had the windows down so he then said, and the one door which he used was locked. He looked in after he came in and went out later to get a drink. He heard no one about him while at work, saw nothing unusual about the court house during the evening. The first thing he remembered unusual was when he fell backwards to the floor and "saw stars." When he recovered and saw the fire he says he raised a window and jumped out through the screen. Strange as it may seem the fire chief says that when he arrived at the court house he had to tear the screen from the window to get in with the line of hose.

CONFESSES HIS GUILT.

He said it was a matter of carelessness that caused him to commit the crime. Had been using more money than was able to replace and finally thought a wholesale robbery the best solution. He therefore took the money part at a time and buried it in his corn field. Then Thursday evening he went to his office and pretended to be working on his books. He put all valuable records in the vault, left the safe door unlocked, closed the vault door, turned the latch, but not the combination. This he did as he said said he did not want to destroy the county records, as the robbery was enough for the county to bear.

He then took a bag of shot and struck himself on the head just above the right ear. This was a harder blow than he anticipated, as the doctors who attended him said a little heavier blow would have killed him.

STARTED THE FIRE HIMSELF. With the curtain drawn to conceal him from passers by he set fire to papers under his desk and after waiting for them to get a good start rushed out and gave the alarm. Not until he saw that the fire was out did he tell the story of being sandbagged, robbed, etc. When taken to Dr. Hapeman's office he gave all indications of a man recovering from a blow. His pockets were all hanging out to show that he had been robbed.

Norlin says his carelessness has brought him to grief and now he will have to suffer the penalty. When interviewed he was lying on a bed in the Jensen hotel. He showed outward signs of emotion, but seemed resigned to his fate.

Begins Five Years Sentence.

ELDORADO, Kan., July 10.—Jessie Morrison was taken to the penitentiary at Lansing yesterday to begin her five years sentence for the murder of Mrs. Castle. There were several hundred people at the station to take a farewell look at the prisoner.

Early in the day, at the home of the Morrises, a pathetic scene was enacted, when the aged father, stepmother, brothers and sisters cried bitterly as Miss Morrison kissed them goodbye.

JUSTICE IS SPEEDY

SENATIONAL CLIMAX TO ROBBERY AT MINDEN.

Enters Plea of Guilty and Sentenced to Six Years in Penitentiary—Will be Taken to Lincoln Today—Treasurer has his Trial.

MINDEN, Neb., July 11.—Alfred Norlin, the self-confessed embezzling county treasurer, will today be taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln. Events have followed fast upon each other since yesterday in the sensational case. Norlin was arrested Tuesday night. His trial, conviction and sentence yesterday, all within twenty-four hours, is probably the most speedy disposition of a criminal case in the history of Nebraska courts.

Norlin was yesterday brought before Judge Robb for preliminary hearing and bound over to the district court with a bond fixed at \$10,000, on a charge of having "fraudulently, unlawfully and feloniously converted to his own use and embezzled the sum of \$2,700 of said public money, the property of Kearney county, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases."

LONG SATISFIED OF GUILT.

Chief of Police Hill, when seen by The Journal this morning, said that he had been working on the case ever since the robbery and that several days ago he had sufficient proof to convict Norlin, but wanted to get a confession, so he waited until the regular meeting of the county commissioners, which occurred yesterday. It was then Norlin was put in the sweat box and pretty well tangled up. About 4 p. m. Hill took Norlin to the office of County Attorney King, taking Mr. Bloom with him. There they began a systematic questioning. At first Norlin denied all knowledge of the affair, maintaining that his first story was true. After an hour's work Hill finally said:

"Norlin, you know that I have the proof and it is the best thing for you to confess and have it all over."

Norlin then said, "Well, Hill, I did it."

Hill then asked what had become of the money, and Norlin told him it was at his house.

MONEY BURIED BEFORE THE FIRE.

He took the money and buried it several days before the fire. At first he told the officers that he struck himself with his fist, but later he told Mr. Hill that he had a bag of shot and hit himself several times, making a bruise that he might carry out the story of having been robbed.

SENTENCE OF SIX YEARS.

Yesterday evening at Norlin's request a special session of district court was called, convening at 4 p. m., at which he pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement and received a sentence of six years at hard labor, Sunday excepted, and a fine of \$5,400. The court house was crowded. The sentence is considered very just. Owing to his popularity the scene was like a funeral and after the sentence dozens of people shook hands with him. He maintained composure during the pronouncing of sentence, but broke down when his friends surrounded him. He will be taken to Lincoln today.

The commissioners, in session today appointed Mike O'Meara as treasurer to finish the term.

When interviewed after the sentence Norlin said he was satisfied that the sentence was just and now he could begin the accomplishment that would bring about the end.

Wreck on Alton.

KANSAS CITY, July 11.—The full horror of the train wreck on the Chicago & Alton road near Norton, Mo., this morning, when a west-bound passenger collided with a fast live stock train, both going at a good speed, was not realized until tonight when a train loaded with bruised and scalded people arrived here and transferred its sufferers to the hospitals. First reports of the accident indicated that four trainmen and two passengers were killed outright. Of the wounded who started for this city three or four were dead before the train arrived and six passed away at the hospitals before midnight, making sixteen deaths up to the present time. In St. Joseph and University hospitals are thirty persons, a number of whom are expected to die. Most of them were scalded by the steam that issued from the engines, both of which were wrecked and piled in a heap of wreckage with two of the passenger cars. Identification of those of the dead who passed away without regaining consciousness was difficult, owing to the fact that the clothing had been hastily stripped from the bodies in order to give relief to the tortured flesh. Two of the bodies are unidentified. Ten bodies are at various undertaking establishments. The bodies of four of the dead trainmen are at Slater, Mo.

Millions Yet to Give away.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Mr. Carnegie still has 50,000,000 pounds to give away in public benefactions. Mr. Carnegie is himself authority for this statement, which he made recently at Skibo castle to a member of the New York chamber of commerce committee, who is now in this city, but wishes his name kept secret.

According to Mr. Carnegie, he is still undecided in what manner to dispose of his wealth.

COLUMBIA FIRST IN.

Old Defender Triumphs in the Third Race.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 12.—Columbia won yesterday's race in great shape, with the Constitution second and the Independence a remarkably good third. The Boston boat sailed an exciting race with the two Herreshoffs and led the Constitution at the outer mark, only to be beaten by her a little over two minutes in the run to the finish before the wind.

The wind yesterday was much stronger than on previous days and the Independence sailed the fifteen miles to windward without her jib bobsail and seemed to hold higher, at the same time footing just as fast.

The result of yesterday's race leaves the question of the supremacy of the three ninety-footers uncertain, the Independence being not so slow after all, while the Constitution has yet to prove her unquestioned superiority over the other two racers in anything except light airs. The hopes of the Boston contingent have therefore gone upward with a bound and tonight the experts are trying to figure what the Independence will do when it blows a little harder. The race itself was very exciting and especially when a little less than an hour after the start the Independence, by keeping near the Narragansett shore, forced the Constitution about and for a few minutes was the leading boat in the race. From that point to the turning buoy the fight between the two yachts was one of the closest seen here for many years.

Fighting in Korea.

BERLIN, July 12.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Seoul, Korea, dated July 6, saying that bloody conflicts, extending over a period of ten days, have occurred on the island of Quelpart between Roman Catholic missionaries and their pupils and the natives and about 300 of the mission pupils are reported to have been killed during the encounters. The governor of Quelpart, according to the dispatch, says the trouble was the fault of the pupils and arose from their support of the tax collectors in levying illegal taxes upon the natives.

Upon hearing that two French missionaries had been killed in the island, a French warship proceeded to Quelpart, and upon finding the missionaries in question alive, the warship returned.

The Korean government has commissioned Huan Kian and an American court official to investigate the matter, and is sending a company of Korean infantry with them to Quelpart.

Quelpart is in the Yellow Sea, sixty miles south of Korea to which country it is subordinate. It is a penal settlement.

Nineteen are Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 12.—Of the twenty-four persons injured in the Alton wreck who are still in Kansas City hospitals two are not likely to live through the night and three others are fatally hurt, but will probably survive until tomorrow.

Five of the injured left for their homes this morning. Most of the injured were Epworth League excursionists enroute to San Francisco and were in the tourist car in which the greatest havoc was wrought. Most of the uninjured and lightly injured leaguers have proceeded on their journey.

The Marseilles French Opera company, on its way to San Francisco, comprising seventeen people, lost every bit of its scenery and baggage. None of the members escaped with more than his handbag.

French Crop Conditions.

PARIS, July 12.—The agricultural department reports that the conditions of winter wheat are very good in one department, good in twenty-six and fair in fifty-five departments. Spring wheat is good in five departments, fair in thirty-two and middling in six departments.

Firm in Old Belief.

DETROIT, July 12.—The national educational association yesterday reaffirmed its declaration in favor of a national university at Washington to be maintained by the national government. After taking this action the association elected as its president for the ensuing year William Beardshear of the University of Iowa. The election was unanimous as was that of C. M. Keyes of Hartford, Conn., for treasurer. This afternoon thirteen departmental meetings were held and in several of them officers were elected for the coming year. Interesting papers on the teaching of economics in the schools were read at the morning session by Prof. George E. Vincent of Chicago university, H. R. Gunton of the Institute of social economics, New York; Prof. F. W. Speers of Philadelphia and R. P. Helleck of Louisville, Ky.

Gomez Pleased With Visit.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Gen. Maxim Gomez, accompanied by his son and Alexander Gonzales sailed for Havana yesterday. The party was escorted to the pier by a delegation of Cubans, who had with them a large floral piece in the form and colors of the Cuban flag. In the saloon of the steamship General Gomez made parting remarks to his friends. He said he would never forget the kindness shown him while here.

LONG DRY SPELL.

DROUTH REMAINS UNBROKEN

Pasture Dried Up and Hay Selling for Twenty Dollars a Ton—Hottest Day on Record in Kansas City. Has no equal for Forty Years.

KANSAS CITY, July 13.—No rain fell today in any part of the drouth stricken territory consisting of all of Kansas, western Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian territory. Over much of this region this was the worst of the long hot spell, the temperature being more than 100 degrees and no breeze stirring. Corn, oats, hay and potatoes are so badly injured that even with rain the yield will be short, and as the weather bureau gives no hope of relief, the outlook is discouraging. At some places in Kansas there has been no rainfall whatever for nearly three months. The present is the worst drouth since 1860, when New England sent aid to the settlers of Kansas.

However, the past few years have been very prosperous ones, and even now the Kansas farmers are harvesting one of the largest crops of wheat, if not the largest in the history of the state. A great many counties send word that with rain corn will be a half crop; without rain soon no yield. A few say there is yet no hope for a far harvest.

Hay sold this morning for \$20 a ton, a cent a pound, the highest price ever reported in this market. This is almost as much, pound for pound, as wheat is worth. Hay is so high that it can be shipped from Minnesota or Ohio or almost any state in the country that has a crop.

ALFALFA FARMERS' SALVATION.

Kansas and Missouri, which usually furnish as much hay as any three eastern states and at this time of year are shipping trainloads of hay to other points, are buying hay this year. In numerous places there is no pasture and owners of cattle are shipping hay to their farms. Alfalfa has yielded well everywhere and will be the salvation of many farmers.

For the past five days 110,000 hogs have been received at the stockyards, breaking all records. These heavy shipments are due to the scarcity of corn. Five prostrations were reported in Kansas City, none fatal.

Norlin Done Prison Garb.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 13.—Alfred Norlin of Kearney county, donned the prison garb yesterday and entered upon his six years' sentence in the penitentiary. Three days ago he was county treasurer. Having confessed to a shortage of \$10,000 and an attempt to hide his guilt by pounding himself over the head with a bag of shot and then setting fire to his office in the court house and announcing that he had been assaulted and robbed he asked for a special session of court that he might plead guilty and receive his sentence. He confessed Tuesday, plead guilty Wednesday and was brought to the penitentiary Friday.

Sheriff D. W. Hecox brought Norlin to the penitentiary, arriving at Lincoln early in the afternoon.

"Yes, I brought Norlin here," said the sheriff after returning from the prison, "but for that matter he would doubtless have come by himself. He appears to be much broken in mind and spirit. He is resigned, however, and desired to enter upon his sentence as soon as possible. He was under a great strain during the period he was under suspicion, but the moment he confessed he was again his old self. Up to that time he had not acted in his natural manner."

No one would have supposed the two men walking up P street from the depot were a sheriff and a prisoner. There were no signs of restraint. The prisoner walked by the side of the sheriff at a rapid rate and was seemingly a visitor in the city on business.

At the penitentiary Norlin and the sheriff entered the warden's office where the usual questions were asked and entered in a big book kept for the purpose. These were answered by Norlin with some impatience as if he were anxious to get into a cell and have the matter ended.

The sheriff remained with him to that point in the proceeding where the prisoner was taken to the bath where he was given a suit of the striped prison clothes. Then he was assigned to a place in the large cell house which is being equipped with new steel cells. In one of these he will spend the time until Warden Davis decides on the employment he is to be given. If friends of Norlin have their way he will be given clerical work as he is a good bookkeeper and a fair penman. The warden, however, will place him where he thinks best.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis Ill.

PORTLAND, Me., July 12.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the former president of the confederacy, is quite ill at the Willard hotel in this city where she came a few days ago to spend the summer.

Masked Robber Is Killed.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 12.—Four masked men entered the hotel of Peter Hoke at Yorkville, near here, at midnight last night and encountered the proprietor and Michael Hitzell and George A. Wachter, guests. During the fight which followed one of the robbers was shot and killed and Mr. Hoke was wounded in the leg. The three other robbers made their escape. The dead man has not been identified as yet.

NEBRASKA NOTES

Mullen needs a bank.

Falls City will erect a library building.

Fairmount is moving for a system of waterworks.

A corn carnival and barbecue in the fall is talked of by Beatrice citizens.

Lightning killed six horses in the stable of T. J. Hixon, near Emerick.

A local company has undertaken to supply Papillion with telephone service.

Hereafter, only men of family will be allowed to serve on the Petersburg school board.

Grace Snyder of Garrison was bitten by a rattlesnake, but prompt medical attention saved her life.

Young chickens and grouse are reported more plentiful than for years in the sand hill country.

The women of the Methodist church edited the Stanton Register last week and put out a fine number.

There were 144 marriage licenses issued in Madison county during the first half of the current year.

Adams county farmers alone purchased nearly three hundred binders with which to harvest the season's wheat crop.

Grain ripened so fast during the hot weather that many farmers ran the harvesters all night and did not stop for Sunday.

The city of Kearney and the water works have settled the controversy over rates, which has been a bone of contention for a long time.

Mrs. A. Leonard of Riverton was struck by lightning while carrying a pail of water from the well to the house. She was unconscious for several hours, but was finally revived.

The Kearney Hub has just put a new typesetting machine into the office. This with some other improvements recently made, makes the Hub one of the best equipped plants in the state.

A musical and literary assembly will be held at Auburn August 17 to 25, during which twenty-five lectures by prominent persons will be delivered and a number of musical programmes given.

It is said that the Winnebago Indians are going back on "dog stew." Last year 125 dogs were served on toast at a pow-wow near Pender. This year but twenty canines were prepared for the feast.

The Argus says that a youth in the neighborhood of Table Rock proposes to raffle himself off at \$5 a chance, and adds that the woman who draws him is taking more than one chance on getting a man for a husband.

C. A. Farrand of Maple Creek precinct, Furnas county, has discovered on his farm what he believes to be unmistakable indications of oil and proposes to do some prospecting this fall to ascertain whether it is in paying quantities.

Little Johnnie Burrows of Loup City, a lad of ten years, was accidentally shot by a playmate. The ball entered the right breast well up toward the shoulder and striking a rib was deflected down and around the trunk, lodging under the right arm. The boy is expected to recover.

Bron Hoile is a very bright young man, but he was up against it July 4. He had a customer who when given a price of 20 cents for a pair of suspenders, maintained that he ought to have one of them for 10 cents. All kinds of people came out of the woods to celebrate.—Wayne Democrat.

The preliminary hearing of Mike Kilroy, the Raymond farmer, charged with shooting Jesse Rodgers with intent to kill has been postponed to August 7 and his bond raised to \$2,000. The complaining witness is expected to recover sufficiently to face the accused at his preliminary trial.

The Beemer Times is entitled to the prize on fish stories. It tells of a man who fished all day and didn't get a bite. He concluded to show his friend what his dog could do and threw a half dollar into the lake and told the dog to get it. The dog dived in and came out with two three-pound catfish and 30 cents in change.

"One of our farmers," says the Wisner Press, "was asked the other day by another farmer what he done to make his hired man contented. His reply was: To do all the milking yourself and get a good looking girl and a hammock. If he then becomes discontented, fire him, for there is something the matter with his head."

Steve Ambler heard some peculiar sounds proceeding from some of his fresh eggs Monday morning, and found that during the night the genial summer heat had nearly incubated his egg cases. If his hot weather continues the merchants will have to pack their eggs in ice to prevent having their stores filled with young chickens.

Lexington has been "dry" over a year, and some anxiety has been felt in regard to the financial affairs of the town and schools. But going over the delinquent tax list enough money is due the town and schools to meet all the present demands. The county treasurer has been requested to issue distress warrants and collect all back taxes that are not paid in a brief time.

The Kearney cotton mills have been closed. Their reopening is indefinite.