

MUTINY IN PRISON

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TWO OFFICERS INSTANTLY KILLED

Outer Gate is Quickly Blown Open with Nitroglycerine.

FLEEING PRISONERS CAPTURE WAGON

It is Soon Entrapped by Posses and Fierce Battle Ensues.

TWO CONVICTS ARE BADLY INJURED

After Hundreds of Shots Are Exchanged Men See that Escape is Impossible and Surrender.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 24.—A desperate attempt to escape from the state penitentiary was made by four convicts at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon, resulting in a battle with a posse, which was fought for several hours.

The dead: JOHN CLAY, gatekeeper. E. MILLER, officer of the commissary department.

Wounded: Deputy Warden H. E. See, shot in arm and hip. Harry Vaughn, convict, St. Louis, shot in arm.

Hiram Blake, convict from Grundy county, shot and probably fatally hurt.

Mutineers captured unhurt: George Ryan, from St. Louis. Charles Raymond.

Warden Mat W. Hall, yardmaster Porter Ilvin and five prison guards departed this morning for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on a special train, conveying seventy-one federal prisoners, who are being transferred from the Missouri state penitentiary to the government prison at Fort Leavenworth.

It is believed that this fact had much to do with the outbreak today, as it is surmised the one who had counted largely upon Warden Hall's absence in their premeditated desperate attempt to escape.

Outbreak Without Warning.

There was not the slightest pretension of any trouble within the prison walls. Suddenly convicts Harry Vaughn, Charles Raymond, Hiram Blake, George Ryan and Eli Ziegler, who were working in a clove proximity to the prison gate, inside the inclosure, as if by given signal, made a rush for the gate. From their pockets they drew pistols, and it is presumed that at least one of them carried a bottle of nitroglycerine. Where these weapons and the explosive were obtained has not yet been discovered. Rushing past the gate, they entered Deputy Warden See's office and shot him as he sat in his chair. He sank back and was unable to resist them. Instantly they rushed to the gate and fired. Gatekeeper John Clay, who had been alarmed by the shots. Before he could raise his weapon he was shot dead. Guard E. A. Allison, who was attracted by the shooting, was their next victim. He was shot through the head and died almost instantly. Then, as these convicts saw that their attempt to escape had started, the convicts seized the bell rope hanging by the gate and momentarily rang the bell. Gatekeeper Clay had left the wagon gate ajar when he appeared and was shot dead. The convicts rushed to the gate, and with any force, but they did not have the body with them, slammed the gate shut and fastened it on the inside. They were then in the wagon entrance to the penitentiary, this entrance being about forty feet long by fifteen feet wide and leading to the public street through another double gate of steel. There were no sentries, but the desperate convicts were deterred but for a moment. Placing their nitroglycerine under the outside gate they blew an opening through the massive steel doors and before the smoke had cleared the opening they rushed through past a number of "trusty" convicts working in the street and ran madly for twelve blocks. Ziegler, it was found, had failed to leave the penitentiary walls. Almost before the four escaping convicts had covered the distance of one block the prison officials, heavily armed, were shooting at them as they ran. Pedestrians jumped behind trees, ran into houses and crouched down behind any obstacle that presented refuge. Those living in houses along the line of flight, alarmed by the shooting, rushed out to ascertain the cause. Wounded persons fled precipitately, while the majority of the men seized weapons and joined the prison officials in the pursuit.

Battle from Wagon.

A desperate race gave speed to the convicts and they outran their pursuers. Near the Missouri Pacific railway depot they came upon a wagon being driven by Orville Lane. Jumping into this wagon they seized Lane and held him to act as a shield from the bullets of their pursuers. One convict lashed the horse into a run. The wild ride was of short duration, however, as another posse consisting of city police, augmented by citizens, appeared in front of them, and seeing that further flight was cut off they stopped the horse and made a desperate stand. Lane was thrown from the bottom of the wagon and crouching over him, shielding themselves to the best possible advantage behind the sides of the vehicle, they opened fire back to back on their pursuers. The prison officials shouted to them to surrender or they would be shot dead. This outcry only won a volley from their revolvers. The following one of the most desperate street battles that ever took place in the annals of escaping convicts in Jefferson City. The posses pumped behind trees and shot with telling effect, splitting the wagon and finally putting a bullet through one of the convicts, who fell to the ground. Thereupon, seeing that death was inevitable and further resistance useless the convicts surrendered. With a rush the officials closed up the wagon, prepared to shoot to the death if the surrender was not made. But no resistance was offered. It was found that convicts Vaughn and Blake were suffering from bullet wounds. Driver Orville Lane and Convicts Ryan and Raymond were unhurt. The convicts were immediately taken back to the penitentiary where the wounded were given medical attention, while the uninjured were placed in solitary confinement in dungeon cells.

WARSHIPS START FOR TURKEY

Answer of Sultan Not to Delay Naval Demonstration of the Powers.

PARIS, Nov. 24.—It is stated in official quarters here that the exchange of communications between the powers concerning Turkey's answer to their ultimatum have resulted in the practical determination not to consider the answer as postponing the naval demonstration, which will proceed without further parley.

It is understood that the warships of the powers are already moving from Piraeus. Their objective is not yet definitely stated, but the island of Mytilene still appears to be the principal objective applicable to the situation.

FORAKER DRAFTS RATE BILL

Says Measure is Designed to Prevent Discrimination of All Kinds.

PROCEEDINGS TO BE BY INJUNCTION

Interstate Commerce Commission to Act as Prosecutor and Suits to Be at Expense of United States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Senator Foraker today presented to the senate committee on interstate commerce the draft of his bill to amend the interstate commerce law. He stated that he had tried to meet the complaints against present railroad conditions and at the same time avoid conferring on the Interstate Commerce commission or any similar body the power over railroad rates.

The Foraker bill, however, provides for enjoining the publishing and charging of excessive rates and for enjoining any discrimination forbidden by law, whether between shippers, places, commodities or otherwise, and whether effected by means of rates, rebates, classifications, private cars, preferentials "or in any other manner whatever." While this does not confer upon the court the power to fix a rate, it does authorize the court to say what is an unlawful rate and how much is unlawful, and to enjoin the carrier from charging more than is found to be lawful. The bill is also designed to prohibit the giving of special rates free access to railroad depots and to prevent the giving of special rates on export and import freight.

CASTRO PAYS ONE AWARD

Money Due France Placed in Charge of American Minister at Caracas.

CARACAS, Nov. 24.—In view of the fact that no representative of the French government called on the Venezuelan government November 14 for the second installment of the Plumley arbitration award, that being the date on which it was due, the Venezuelan government asked the American minister, Mr. Russell, to receive the installment and yesterday the money was delivered to the American minister.

MILLARD LIKES FORAKER BILL

Expresses Belief Measure Will Be Basis of Bill Acceptable to the Country.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

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"I believe it to be the basis of a good bill. I believe it to be acceptable to everybody. It is certainly comprehensive and I anticipate good results from it."

HEAVY GALE STRIKES CHICAGO

Wind with Velocity of Fifty-Two Miles an Hour Damages Trees, Churches and Signs.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—This city was visited today by one of the heaviest wind storms of the year, the gale reaching the height of fifty-two miles an hour and maintaining that velocity for several hours. Much damage was done all over the city to trees and shrubbery and in the downtown section many signs were hurled to the sidewalk and several chimneys were blown down.

INTRENCING TOOLS IN ARMY

All Regulars and Some Militia Will Be Equipped with New Devices.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—General Crozier, chief ordnance officer of the army, has just given an order for intrincing tools for the use of the enlisted men of the army. Upon the recommendation of the general staff intrincing tools have been adopted as a part of the equipment of the soldier. The order just given which is the first will be followed until the whole army and a part of the organized militia shall be supplied. It is contemplated that every soldier shall be so equipped as to be able to intrinc himself in times of necessity.

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Mr. Murray was putting a new forty horse power machine through its paces on the boulevard and while going at rapid speed around the "S" curve at Thirty-third street the wheels skidded, throwing the automobile with great force against a coupe going in the opposite direction. The horse attached to the coupe was almost cut in two and the vehicle wrecked, but the driver and a woman passenger escaped injury.

The automobile struck the curve, rebounded across the road and landed on the grass plot at the side.

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