

POSSE PURSUES CONVICT SMITCH

Escaped Prisoner Who Shoots Guard and Ties Him to Tree at Anamosa Penitentiary at Large.

FLEES WITH FRIENDS IN AUTO
Believed Concealed in Wooded Country West of Marion.

GETS AWAY BY CLEVER RUSE
Phone Call Brings Man to Office Insufficiently Guarded.

FITCHED BATTLE IS EXPECTED
Heavily Armed Posse Sent Out Under Direction of Warden Barr—Many Make the Trip in Automobiles.

ANAMOSA, Ia., Aug. 11.—Somewhere between Marion and Viola, about twenty miles southwest of here, a posse composed of penitentiary guards, deputy sheriffs and citizens was at 7 o'clock tonight in pursuit of Charles Smitch, a convict. Smitch escaped from Prison Guard William A. Hamaker this morning after the latter had been probably fatally wounded and lashed to a tree to prevent him from giving an alarm.

With Smitch are two other men, who, through a clever ruse, rescued him from the guard. A pitched battle was expected when the posse overtook the three men, as it was said that they would fight for their lives.

The fugitives are said to be in an automobile which they rented at Viola this afternoon after having abandoned a horse and buggy in which they made the initial part of their flight this morning.

The posse, which is heavily armed, was sent out under the direction of Warden Barr and many of its members are making the chase in automobiles, according to reports received here.

Someone called up the prison office today over the phone and asked to see Smitch. The permit was granted and the guards at the quarry were instructed to send him in. Hamaker was detailed to guard him.

The two men started on foot and when about a half mile away were confronted by two men in a buggy. One of the men shot the guard in the stomach and tied him to a tree. Taking Smitch into the buggy they drove off. Hamaker's cries were not heard for nearly an hour. He was then rescued.

MARION, Ia., Aug. 11.—Sheriff Loftus of Linn county late this afternoon sent bloodhounds from here to the wooded country eight miles west of this town in pursuit of Charles Smitch, who escaped from the Anamosa penitentiary guard this morning with his two companions.

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Kidnaped Boy is Returned on Payment of Ransom of \$500

Nine Arrests Made by Chicago Police in Connection with Case—Father Receives Letter.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Angelo Mareno, 6 years old, who was returned last evening after a ransom of \$500 in marked bills had been paid for his kidnapers, was closely guarded by his parents today.

"I will never let my darling out of my sight again until he is old enough to take care of himself," sobbed the mother as she went with joy at the child's return after being held prisoner by kidnapers for 18 hours.

The boy sat on his mother's lap this morning, greeting his playmates and neighbors who called, and seemed unable to realize the grief his absence had caused his parents. He said he was well treated by his kidnapers. They bought new clothes and gave him candy and cake.

There was rejoicing in the North Side Italian colony over the boy's safe return and hundreds of neighbors and friends called at the Mareno home to congratulate the parents.

Nine men and three women are under arrest for the kidnaping and the police expect to make additional arrests before night. Search is being made for the woman who married and cared for the boy in the West Division street house. An effort will also be made by the police to recover the \$500 paid as a ransom.

The father of the boy received a mysterious special delivery letter early this morning and, after reading it, turned it over to the police. He declined to reveal the contents of the letter. It is believed to have threatened him with death for having co-operated with the police for the return of his child.

Mass. child, celebrated at St. Philip's Roman Catholic church in thanksgiving for the child's safe return, the special services being attended by several hundred Italians.

Later the text of the letter Antonio Mareno, the father, received today became known. It was as follows:

"We have kept our agreement with you; now see that you keep your promise. Tell nothing of our boy has been returned. You have all you bargained for. We have not harmed him; we have not harmed anybody. We want you, dirty pig, that if you break your word vengeance will claim you and all you hold dear. Let the seal of silence be on your lips or no torture will be horrible enough for you.

The police expect to make further arrests. They are trying to recover the \$500 in marked bills with which the ransom was paid.

Woman Sentenced to Rock Pile Given Pardon by Mayor

IOLA Executive Decides He Has Authority to Upset Unusual Decree of Court and Does So.

IOLA, Kan., Aug. 11.—Upsetting the decree of Judge D. B. D. Smeltzer of the Iola municipal court that the city should be a rock pile was the result of the public outcry over the rock pile like a man, Mayor Bollinger pardoned the woman at noon today. Mrs. Reese will be released this afternoon, thus ending a controversy for four days' standing between the judge, the street commissioners, the police and the public.

The pardon was the result of the sudden determination by the mayor that he had power to issue it. The city attorney, Travis Stone, has been advised with letters asking the woman's parole or pardon, and many contributions of money have been received to pay her fine.

Today Mayor informed the mayor he believed the official had the power to pardon Mrs. Reese. Mayor Bollinger called a meeting of the city commissioners, in solemn session the commissioners ordered the mayor right. Chief of Police Coffield was then ordered to bring about the woman's release.

LIME LIGHT FOR BIG CORPORATIONS

Mr Perkins Tells House Committee that He Believes Publicity Will Cure All Industrial Evils

FAVORS FEDERAL REGISTRATION
All Facts as to Stocks, Wages and Prices to be Published.

HE DENIES HARVESTER STORY
Says Steel Combine Paid No Rebates to Other Corporation.

GENERAL INQUIRY PROBABLE
Littleton Announces Resolution Will Be Introduced for General Investigation of the Industrial Situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—George W. Perkins, the New York financier, suggested to the house steel corporation committee of inquiry today that a government commission which would insure focusing the limelight of publicity on the business affairs of great corporations would do much to eradicate present-day trust evils and prevent their return.

Following Mr. Perkins' suggestion Representative Littleton of New York announced that a resolution would be introduced in congress providing for a thorough investigation of the industrial situation of the country.

"I am advised," Mr. Littleton, "that there is to be a thorough inquiry into all the commercial ills of the nation and that a conference will be called to determine the problems of how to deal with the industrial situation in America. It is a project that will involve a most drastic investigation and bring together capital and labor in an effort without bias to find out just what should be done."

"That is the best news I have heard," said Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Perkins had made his suggestion in response to a question by Mr. Bartlett. He believed the mere question of limelight an important thing," said Mr. Perkins. "The limelight, I firmly think, would eradicate many of our troubles. If we had a law providing that a corporation engaging in interstate business could register itself with a bureau here in Washington, submitting its operations, its prices, its balance sheets, its methods, its treatment of labor, etc., and that if these reports were made public, thus gaining the confidence of the public in the securities of that corporation—the confidence of the competitor that he was being fairly treated, and the confidence of the consumer that he was being fairly dealt with—I think that very soon all corporations would register themselves, until we would have that kind of publicity which would go a long way to eradicate the evils of our great corporations and preserve the good that already is self-evident in these corporations."

Threat at Bureau of Corporations. "Such a bureau or commission should conduct its affairs in the limelight," commented Representative Young, "and not as some of the bureaus of this government are conducted, behind closed doors."

Members of the committee and Mr. Perkins applauded the suggestion. The conference having been directed toward the bureau of corporations which has withheld information about the steel trust from the committee.

"Do you think," Representative Littleton asked Mr. Perkins, "that it would be possible to attempt to cure this evil by a uniform state action regarding incorporation laws?"

"I think that would be utterly impossible, at least within a reasonable time," Mr. Perkins answered.

"Do you believe that the conference of governors recently called to take measures to meet, could, possibly, by persuasion, bring about in the various states an initial safeguard in incorporation laws?" Mr. Littleton continued.

"I doubt it, though the conference of governors has done some very good work," said Mr. Perkins.

Mrs. Geraghty Denies Charge that She Was Kidnaped by Husband

Wealthy Young Woman Who Eloped with Chauffeur Says She Was Not Abducted.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Aug. 11.—No representative of the family of Mrs. John Edward Geraghty, formerly Miss Julia French, of Newport and New York, nor any detective or other officer appeared during the forenoon today to disturb the quiet which the eloping couple were enjoying at the home of Mrs. Harris, Geraghty's cousin, in this city. When seen by newspaper men the young woman said that she had consulted lawyers in Newport before the elopement and in Springfield today, regarding his best course of action in case Mr. and Mrs. French should attempt to have him arrested on a charge of abduction.

More Trouble for the Old Lady

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House in Italian District of St. Louis Wrecked by Explosion.

FOURTEEN PERSONS ARE INJURED
One of Victims is Unidentified Man, Who is Thought to Have Placed the Bomb in the Building.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11.—A Black Hand bomb exploded in the crowded Italian colony on "Dago Hill" here last night killed a man and a woman and more or less seriously injured fourteen other residents of a two-story brick building, which was completely wrecked. The placing of the bomb followed the receipt last Friday and Saturday of two Black Hand letters by the owner of the building. The letters came from Brooklyn, N. Y., where the owner, Tony Romano, resided until seven months ago. The dead:

MRS. JOSEPH SARDELLO, UNIDENTIFIED MAN.

The injured: Sam Saloradio, Joseph Tartt, Josephine Tartt, his wife, Josephine Farrara, his wife, Sam Raymon, Josephine Raymon, his wife, Joseph Dominica, Tony Sorrentino, Orlando Tardino, Sam Marcuso.

The explosion, which was the most terrific and destructive of the kind ever experienced in St. Louis, occurred about 1 o'clock, when the families were asleep. So great was its force that most of the residents were thrown from their beds into the street or buried under the wreckage.

Debris Takes Fire. Immediately after the explosion the debris caught fire and it was with difficulty that the rescuers were enabled to take some of those injured out of the way of the flames. The police, aided by three fire companies and many volunteers, worked the remainder of the night in searching the ruins for possible victims.

According to the police, the bomb had been placed in the building. Only a partial list of those missing were obtainable this morning. On their arrival the officers were met by hysterical women, many of them unable to speak English, most of whom had infants in their arms. All of them were in their night clothes as also were most of the men.

Other Houses Damaged. In addition to the wrecked building, most of the other houses in the colony for a radius of several blocks felt the force of the blast. Most of the windows in the district were shattered and all of the residents were awakened and rushed into the streets.

Early this morning the chief of police ordered a complete investigation to be made. A report had it that a man was seen running from the vicinity of the wrecked building a few moments before the explosion. No arrests have yet been made.

This is the second explosion in the last six months on "Dago Hill," which has been attributed to the "black hand."

In a grocery store, conducted by Antonio Di Lorenzo, was blown up after he had refused to pay \$200 demanded by the Mafia. For protection Lorenzo remained at the mounted district police station for two weeks.

INSPECTOR STICE SAYS LEWIS MADE PROMISES
Postal Official Testifies Publisher Offered to Make Him Postmaster of St. Louis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Postoffice Inspector J. I. Stice told the house Postoffice department expenditures committee today that E. G. Lewis, St. Louis publisher, offered to make him postmaster at St. Louis if he would "come over with us" in the controversy between Lewis and the Postoffice department. Inspector Stice contradicted the testimony of Lewis in several particulars.

HOMESTEADERS GET RELIEF
House Passes Bill to Allow Settlers to Leave Claims With April

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Homesteaders in Oklahoma, Nebraska, Wisconsin and other western states, whose crops have failed this year on account of drought, are permitted to leave their claims until next April without forfeiting any rights under a bill passed by the house today. Another measure passed extends for one year the time for the payment of money due from homesteaders in the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota. Both bills have passed the senate.

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From the Cleveland Leader.

Wool Conferees Agree on Tariff

La Follette and Underwood Effect Complete Settlement of Differences Late in Afternoon.

FLAT RATE OF 29 PER CENT
Duty on Raw Product is Determined First of All.

ADOPT HOUSE CLASSIFICATION
Decision of the Two Points Removes Great Obstacle.

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