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walked from the police station along Twenty-fourth street towards his home.

Briggs Goes to Chicago.

Over and over again Briggs told his story of the fight—now an orderly, connected statement of the whole story, and then in disjointed answers to questions put to him by the crowds that hung about him.

Finally with a characteristic movement the chief broke from his admiring captors and gathering up his bowling kit and traveling grip dove into the waiting automobile. He left over the Northwestern road for Chicago, where he will bowl tomorrow night in the national tournament.

Chief Briggs has been chief of the South Omaha police for the last twelve years and is an all round athlete. He is a medal man on the target range and is an active member of the South Omaha Gun club.

When told that he would probably be lionized in Chicago, Briggs looked half scared and said "Say, I'd rather go back into another battle like today's than face that kind of a fire."

Three Posses Organize.

Omaha and South Omaha police started out a special train Monday morning over the Missouri Pacific, leaving West Side station at Forty-eighth and Leavenworth at 10 o'clock. It was thought the bandits might change from the Rock Island to the Missouri Pacific after leaving the Platte river.

Another posse was organized and started out by the sheriff of Sarpy county from Papillion.

Sheriff Hyers of Lancaster county also started from Lincoln on a special train over the Burlington Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

Force Farmer to Keep Them.

The three bandits entered the farm home of Charles Hall, near Prairie Home, Saturday evening while the family was away. When the Halls returned they found the bandits in possession of their home.

Hall and his wife were forced at the point of revolvers to keep and feed the bandits Saturday night and all day Sunday.

Sunday evening the bandits tied Hall and his wife to bed posts and left, later securing the handcar on which they left Prairie Home.

It was several hours before Mr. and Mrs. Hall coud extricate themselves to give the alarm.

Seen by Earl Bates.

Earl Bates, who was across the Platte river from Louisville Monday morning saw the three bandits about 7:30 o'clock. They had abandoned their handcar and were walking up the Rock Island tracks. They were wearing the clothes they had stolen at Murdock and were carrying the guns.

Rob Two Stores.

Harry Beall of Omaha owns the general store at Murdock which was robbed by the bandits. A telephone message from his brother who runs the store shows the murderers took shoes, overshoes, caps and duck coats from Beall's store and two shotguns, revolvers and ammunition from Maxwell's hardware store. Both stores were robbed about 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Beall and some of his men stayed in the store all Saturday night, expecting a visit from the murderers, but they were not in the store when the robbery took place.

A light was seen in the hardware store about 3 o'clock.

Throw Handcar in River.

The bandits were seen to throw their handcar into the river at Meadow and to start across the fields, leaving the railroad tracks.

BANDITS PUT UP HARD FIGHT

Fusillade of Bullets While Teams Are Whipped Into a Foam.

Reaching a point eight miles from here the officers came up to the vehicle carrying th econvicts, near Mowinkle school. Young Blount was forced to lash his horses into a run, but the officers kept up the chase until they were within a few hundred yards of the fleeing convicts. Then Chief Briggs' driver, who led the rest of the party, balked and refused to drive farther. Briggs himself grasped the reins and whipped the horses into a gallop.

When they were within 100 yards of the pursued men Briggs and J. C. Trouten, deputy fire warden, opened fire with their rifles. From that until Morley finally surrendered it was a dashing fight over three miles of rough country roads. The three convicts were armed with shotguns and revolvers. The shot came rattling into the faces of the pursuers and their horses, while th erevolvers bullets were poorly aimed and were spent in the snowdrifts on either side of the road.

Blunt Falls First.

Finally there was a halt, when young Blount toppled back into the wagon, the victim of a bullet. Chief Briggs jumped from the buggy inw hich he was riding and with deliberate aim fired at the men in the wagon. Meantime other members of the posse came up and joined in the fusillade against the desperate men. John Dowd wa sthe next to fall. It was at first reported that he had taken his own life with a shot in the temple, but Chief Briggs believes he was a victim of one of the bullets from the posse. Taylor was the next to fall and then Charley Morley, the third convict, threw up his hands in token of surrender.

Briggs Takes Morley.

Chief Briggs, who was leading the party, shouted to Morley, "Drop that gun or I'll blow your head off." Morley, who held aloft a big double-action revolver, dropped it and Briggs ordered him to come forward with his hands up. This Morley did and Briggs took a second revolver from his pocket when he approached.

Not knowing just what had happened, Briggs demanded of Morley the surrender of the other men in the wagon.

"They are all dead," declared Morley.

Briggs then went to the wagon, taking Morley with him, and found the lifeless bodies of the victims of the battle.

The bodies of the dead convicts were turned over to Sheriff Hyers of Lincoln and that of young Blount to his family. Hyers also took Morley back to Lincoln on an afternoon train.

Bandits Lost.

That the escaped convicts were lost for a while during the early part of the day is evident. They secured their bearings after arriving at the Blount home. Their objective point was Omaha and they told young Blount that if he took them swiftly to Albright, the Omaha suburb, no harm would come to him.

Blount was 22 years old and had been married but two months. His young widow was prostrated when his body was returned to the family home by his brother.

Following the final battle several hundred farmers arrived on the scene and the procession which followed the officers back to Gretna was nearly two miles long.

At Gretna the different posses dispersed to their own cities.

BRIGGS LEADER IN THE FIGHT

Sloup Thinks South Omaha Chief Killed Taylor and Dowd.

Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha killed Taylor and Dowd, in the opinion of Deputy Sheriff Adam Sloup, a member of Sheriff McShane's posse. Sloup with McShane and other members of the sheriff's party reached Omaha at 4:30 this afternoon, bedraggled and covered from head to foot with mud.

Sloup said the sheriff's party was behind the desperadoes in wagons, along with Chief Briggs and other Omaha and South Omaha officers.

"Briggs was the nearest to them," said Sloup. "I think he killed Dowd and Taylor, too. I don't know who killed Blount. Maybe the posse killed him and maybe it was the convicts. I couldn't tell.

"We got off the train at Springfield and started after the men in wagons. We got a lot of wagons and divided up in little parties and started after them. We inquired of farmers along the line as we went. Some of the fellows that were ahead of us would make inquiries, too. When we got to one farmer's place they told us other members of the posse had gone by and the men were in a school house down another road. We went down there, but there were no convicts there. We took that road on, thinking they had left the school house and pretty soon we got back onto the same road they were on. Briggs had kept on the other road and there were two other wagons full of men with him. I don't know who was in them.

"Every time we got to the top of a hill we could see Briggs and the others ahead. Briggs and the rest were standing up and shooting and the convicts were standing up i ntheir wagon and shooting back.

Going down the hill we would lose sight of them and couldn't see them again till we got to the top of th enext. Briggs and the others were getting nearer to them all the time and it was close fighting. They were not more than 100 yards apart, and, I think, they were a good deal closer together, maybe fifty yards.

"Our horses petered out and we were losing ground. Then we got to the top of a hill and saw that the battle was over. McShane had been behind us and after our horses gave out he passed us and got up ahead. Then we all went in and caught up with Briggs and the rest.

Briggs used a big rifle of some kind. It looked like one of those old army muskets. The convicts had a lot of revolvers and some shotguns. If they had had rifles some of the posse would have got killed, I believe. As it was, none of us was hurt."

BLUNT WEDDED TWO MONTHS

Farmer Forced to Aid Fleeing Man Twenty-Two Years Old.

Roy Blunt, who was shot to death during the battle with the desperadoes, was only 22 years old and had been married about two months. After having forced Blunt and his wife to provide breakfast for them the convicts made Blunt make team and wagon ready and started out for Omaha, making Blunt drive. They told him no harm would come to him if he would obey their commands without question; but if he refused or attempted to trick them they would kill him.

The trail was picked up near the Rock Island railroad bridge below the state fisheries by residents yesterday morning. Farmers along the route taken by the convicts kept the pursuers fairly well advised, so there was little straying from the right trail. The convicts were overtaken near the Mowinkel school house, three and a half miles northeast of Gretna, and there the battle began.

ORDERS THE BODIES TO LINCOLN

Governor Aldrich Instructs Hyers to Bring Coroner If Obstreperous.

Captain Henry Dunn, who had charge of the Omaha police posse which left in the morning, says only half of his men reached Chalco, and these got there after the battle. The police got off the special train at Springfield at 11 o'clock and divided, Captain Dunn heading one squad that guarded a road that leads out of Chalco to Springfield, and Acting Chief of Detectives Deverees leading another squad to Chalco in a hired livery rig. The rig later broke down near Chalco and, as the officers heard that the battle was over, they returned to Omaha.

Deverees, who came to Omaha on the same train with Chief Briggs of South Omaha, says the report that Briggs was shot was unfounded. Briggs told Deverees that the coroner of Springfield refused to allow the bodies of the convicts to be moved to Lincoln and Governor Aldrich had to be appealed to. Aldrich telegraphed to Sheriff Hyers instructing him to bring the bodies in at once, and if the coroner became obstreperous to bring him in too.

Captain Dunn says he was told by a member of Chief Briggs' posse that Morley at the time of the beginning of the battle tried to talk his companions into surrendering. He was arguing with them when Dowd and Taylor opened fire upon approaching officers. Morley then began to shoot, and when Taylor was killed and Dowd fatally injured he threw down his weapons and shouted, "For God's sake don't murder me—I'll surrender!" which he forthwith did. Another report has it that Dowd was still alive when Morley showed the white feather and he made an attempt to kill him, but failed. He then is supposed to have turned his pistol upon himself.

BLUNT'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

Convict Morley Says First Shot From Posse Killed Farmer.

Roy Blount was killed by the first shot fired at the desperadoes by the posse and Dowd committed suicide after Gray, alias Taylor, had been shot down, according to Charles Morley, alias Ed Craig, the recaptured convict.

After his surrender and removal to Gretna Morley was in a talkative mood and discussed the escape from the penitentiary and the battle with the pursuing officers.

Morley claimed that until the morning of the day of the escape he knew nothing of the plot to break for liberty. Then Taylor and Gray told him of the plan and he cast his lot with theirs. He said he does not know where the weapons used in murdering the prison officials came from. The revolver he used was given him by Taylor.

The first shot from the posse struck the young man Blount, according to Morley. He fell and died almost immediately, in the surviving convict's opinion, though neither he nor the other two paid any more attention to him after he fell. After Taylor had been killed, Morley said, Dowd put a revolver to his temple and pulled the trigger, dying almost instantly.

INQUEST IS HELD AT LINCOLN

Develops How Convicts Got Out of Guarded Workshop.

The coroner's inquest yesterday at Lincoln on the victims of the penitentiary tragedy brought out no new facts, except as to how the convicts got out of the shops where they had been working. Morley, who worked in west A, slipped out unnoticed, but before the shooting his absence had been noticed and a guard

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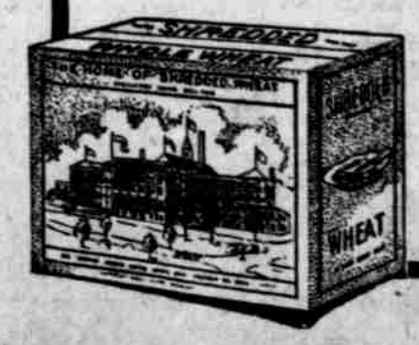

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