

Will Operate on Mail Bandit to Aid Him Reform

Roy Gardner, Who Twice Escaped From Guards, to Go Under Knife to Remove Defect Causing Crime.

Tacoma, Wash., July 1.—Roy Gardner, mail train robber, now in the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island after two sensational escapes from guards seeking to take him to prison, may be operated on in an attempt to "reform" him, according to a statement made yesterday by "Mother" McColl, woman agent of the Department of Justice from Washington.

"I want to be operated on and lead the life God intended me to lead," is the statement Gardner made to her, Mrs. McColl said.

"Gardner is a wonderful specimen of manhood," Mrs. McColl continued. "His tendency to crime is thought to be caused by a deflection of the cranium, and it is possible that surgical care will eliminate it. He is to be X-rayed and the physician at the prison will send to Los Angeles for X-ray plates which are said to show the seat of his trouble."

"Mother" McColl during her two days at McNeil Island took the personal testimony of all letters, first terms and men who served in the world war. Any cases in which it seems to her justice has not been done, she personally presents before the attorney general and proper authorities and pleads for their release, she said.

Hotel Clerk Faces Charge of Murder

Evidence at Preliminary Hearing Shows Knowledge of Death.

Fargo, N. D., July 1.—The state today introduced evidence in a preliminary hearing intended to connect William Gummer with the murder of Marie Wick, 18, Grygala, Minn. Gummer is charged with murdering the girl in the room of a local hotel, where he worked as night clerk. She was found on the morning of June 7, gagged, tied and her skull fractured.

The defendant has admitted that he knew the girl was dead before her body was "officially discovered," and that he called her up after she had gone to her room and made advances to her, according to the testimony of William Green, county attorney. Miss Wick repulsed advances by Gummer, according to this testimony.

Gummer, according to admissions the officials credit to him, opened the door of Miss Wick's room with a skeleton key at 6:30 a. m., on the morning of June 7. He saw the girl was dead, retraced his steps, went down stairs, waited 10 minutes and then called others of the hotel management. He explained this action, according to testimony, by saying that "a man up home was murdered once and the man who found him was held."

Bandits Attempting To Rob Store Run Into Hornets' Nest

Des Moines, July 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Robbers who attempted to loot the store and postoffice at Commerce early Friday morning ran into a hornets' nest when the angry, alarmed citizens poured from their homes and opened fire on the thieves.

Two yegs drove up to the postoffice store shortly after midnight and had little trouble breaking in. Postmaster Beaver, hearing strange noises, arose from bed, loaded his shotgun and went out to investigate. Spotting the cracksmen, Beaver immediately opened fire and prevented them from escaping in their car.

Other citizens joined in the chase but the bandits escaped on foot. No bloodstains were found, so it was impossible to tell if any of the shots found a mark.

Continue Cases of Men Charged With Kidnaping

Cases against George Aboud, 27, 1817 South Thirtieth street, Omaha, and Carl Muskat, 28, 2014 Pierce street, Omaha, who are charged with abducting Mrs. W. Pezraza, 18, 1720 Dodge street, Omaha, Wednesday night, were continued in Bluffs police court yesterday morning until Tuesday. They are held under \$2,000 bonds and will face federal charges of white slavery in addition to state charges of assault, it is said.

Al Schultz, 41, Fortieth street and Avenue C, owner of the house to which the two men are said to have taken the young wife, was arrested upon charges of keeping a disorderly house and maintaining a liquor nuisance and is held under \$1,500 bonds. His case also will be heard Tuesday in police court.

Man Whips Gun From Wooden Leg, Shoots Officer

Togus, Me., July 1.—A hollow in his wooden leg was used by Ernest B. Williams, a Spanish war veteran confined at the National Soldiers' home here, as the hiding place from which he whipped out a revolver and shot dead Lieut. Melamid Ordiv, first assistant surgeon.

It is believed that Williams' mind is deranged. He was a member of a cavalry regiment in the Spanish war. Ordiv, a Roumanian by birth, was considered an exceptionally capable surgeon.

"Reformed" Train Ben-lit Held as Robbery Suspect

Jefferson City, Mo., July 1.—Jesse C. Ramsey, former train robber, who lectured on "crime doesn't pay," following his recent release from the Missouri penitentiary, was returned here today and held for federal authorities in connection with the theft of a pouch of mail at Centralia early Wednesday.

Taft's Life Ambition Realized; Prays to Be Worthy of Position

Former President Expresses Appreciation of Trust Shown by Harding—Will Take Official Oath Of Office About July 7.

Montreal, July 1.—"It has been the ambition of my life to be chief justice," William H. Taft declared last night, "but now that it is gratified I tremble to think whether I can worthily fill the position and be useful to the country."

"I have received telegrams announcing that the president has nominated me to be chief justice of the United States and that the senate has at once confirmed the nomination," said Mr. Taft in a signed statement commenting on his appointment as chief justice.

"I am profoundly grateful to the president for the confidence he has thus shown that I can discharge the important duties of the exalted office. I sincerely hope and pray that I may be able to show that his confidence has not been misplaced. I highly appreciate the immediate confirmation by the senate."

"The argument in the Grand Trunk arbitration, in which I am one of the arbitrators, will be concluded Wednesday, July 6, and I expect to be in Washington on July 7 to take the official oath, confer with the attorney general and pay my respects and thanks to the president."

"The supreme court adjourned on June 5 until October 3, so that I shall have no court duties until October. After my visit to Washington, when I plan to look about for temporary quarters for next year, I expect to visit New Haven to make arrangements for closing up my connection with Yale university. Then I shall return to Canada at Murray Bay, Quebec, to study the record of the Grand Trunk arbitration proceedings with a view to joining in an award in August."

"I shall have in the near future to resign my professorship of federal constitutional law at Yale, the presidency of the League to Enforce Peace and my position as occasional editor on the staff of the Public Ledger of Philadelphia."

Mr. Taft did not receive the official notification of his appointment until he had returned to his hotel at the conclusion of the first day of the argument on the Grand Trunk arbitration. Immediately on receipt of this notification he was congratulated by his fellow commissioners on the board and the chairman, Sir Walter Cassels, gave a small dinner to celebrate the occasion.

London to Malta Air Service

Paris, July 1.—The first Franco-British attempt to exploit the dirigible commercially will take place in July, it is officially announced here. A commercial service will commence idea of Prof. Paul Carnot of the Orly, near Paris, and at Berre, near Marseilles. If the experiment is successful a Franco-British company will be formed, with subsidies from both governments, for the purpose of continuing this air line and exploiting several others.

Sergeant Emery Wins In Bee's Big Contest

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made a brave struggle, was unable to keep up the payments.

Emery served in the navy for 23 months during the late war. He was for some time on transport duty aboard the Leviathan, the largest ship afloat.

Works Every Minute.

"Winning these prizes means a great deal to me," said Emery, with feeling. "I've worked on the department for nearly 13 years and had nothing to show for it. Now I have a home and automobile at one shot. I certainly feel like celebrating."

Emery said he worked every minute after he came off duty at 7 in the evening, getting subscriptions for The Bee.

He generously accords much of the credit for his success to his sister-in-law, Miss Eleanor Lambrecht, 4618 North Twenty-eighth avenue.

Few picked Emery for the winner for the reason that his name never appeared near the top of the list.

Holds Out Subscriptions.

"I held out the biggest part of my subscriptions until the last," he explained.

The home Emery won is located at 2578 Titus avenue, and he intends to move into it in the near future. He now lives at 2554 Pratt street.

Emery has a 10-year-old daughter, Margaret.

Omaha lost a real American family when Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, 2304 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, won the second capital award, the \$4,440 Cadillac automobile.

Mrs. Smith had her cap set for the first prize, the home won by Sergeant Emery.

To Sell Car.

"I wanted the home and if I had won it I'd have moved to Omaha," Mrs. Smith said. "I am very happy to get the Cadillac. It is much too large for our small family so I believe after we have ridden in it, just to see how it feels, I'll sell it and buy a smaller car."

Mrs. Smith is the wife of H. A. Smith, manager of the Collins Oil company. She has two children. The family has lived in Council Bluffs only three months.

For 16 years Jesse Domingo, Weeping Water, Neb., winner of the third capital award, a \$1,500 building and loan deposit and a \$1,300 Gardner touring car, has been a cripple and unable to walk. When he was a boy Jesse went into the field one day to disk. Sometime later his father, J. H. Domingo, went out to see how he was getting along and found the mangled form of his son lying on the ground.

Boy Dragged by Horses.

Jesse was unable to explain what had happened. The horses, it is believed, became frightened and ran away, dragging the lad for some distance. For a long time his life was in jeopardy, but eventually he recovered, but has never been able to walk.

Aside from writing a bit of insurance Jesse has been unemployed. He still lives with his parents. His work in the Help Yourself club was particularly interesting to him, he said, when notified he had won.

Work in the campaign kept him busy in all the counties surrounding his home town and he was able to enlarge his acquaintance. He declared he enjoyed the competition which added zest to his work.

Supports Widowed Mother.

Since he was a boy, Victor H. Hoerstrmann, Fremont, Neb., has supported his widowed mother. For years he has been employed by the Union Pacific. Some years ago Victor divided his affections between his mother and a lass living in West Point.

Victor progressed in the world and finally saved enough to bring the West Point girl nearer home, in fact the sweethearts were married Wednesday. The Bee's wedding present to Victor and his bride is a Maxwell automobile.

The newlyweds passed through Omaha Thursday on their way to Colorado Springs and Los Angeles, Cal., where they are to honeymoon until August 15.

Dr. Smith Wins \$200.

Dr. Frank G. Smith, pastor of the First Central Congregational church, winner of a \$200 building and loan deposit in the campaign, is attending the Congregational assembly at Frankfort, Mich., until September 1.

Harlan Klutts, Mondamin, Ia.,

Demands Probe of Banks' Gold Supply

Reported Surplus of Billion Of Reserve Banks Draws Fire.

Washington, July 1.—Declaring that he had been informed by the treasury that the federal reserve system had a surplus of about one billion dollars "in excess of all requirements," Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, declared today in the senate that there should be an investigation of the rediscunt rates maintained by the reserve banks.

Why should we have rediscunt rates of 6 and 7 per cent when we have one billion dollars of unused gold?" he asked.

Charging that the federal reserve banks were calling loans and forcing farmers and business men into bankruptcy, although there was ample funds for commerce, the South Carolina senator declared this was "the most monstrous showing ever made in the midst of the agricultural and business distress."

Senator Smoot of Utah, said there were "two sides to this question."

"This is a world condition," he declared. The trouble is that foreign countries cannot pay our agricultural and other products. "There is the danger of piling up of gold in America," he asserted, adding that there was too much gold here.

Ku Klux Klan to Fight Radicals in Dakota

Sioux Falls, S. D., July 1.—The Ku Klux Klan has organized in South Dakota with the avowed purpose of fighting all species of radicalism, according to an interview given a reporter of a local paper by a man claiming to be the state commander of the Klan, this evening.

After being sworn to secrecy regarding the names of the commander and of the men whom he has already enrolled in the Klan, the reporter was told that the prime purpose of the organization in South Dakota was that of opposition to the Nonpartisan league. It was particularly emphasized by the commander that the Klan did not propose to gain its ends by violence and intimidation, but through legal means.

It is rumored that Imperial Wizard Simmons of Atlanta, the supreme head of the Ku Klux Klan, has visited Sioux Falls within the last week.

Six-Year-Old Boy Shoots And Kills Aunt, 12 Years Old

Redding, Cal., July 1.—Six-year-old Roy Martin, who yesterday shot and killed his aunt, Agnes Billings, 12, at Whitmore, 20 miles from here, described the shooting at an inquest held there last night.

According to the story Roy told, he and his aunt were playing in the kitchen of the Billings home. Thereupon he testified, he took down a rifle hanging in the kitchen and fired it at her.

The inquest resulted in an open verdict. No one witnessed the shooting and today no charges had been placed against the lad.

Daughter Will Not Attend Battle for Championship

Washington, July 1.—Attorney General Daugherty announced today that he would not attend the Dempsey-Carpenter fight because he had too much respect for the opinion of people who disapproved of prize fights and of whom I must be a sort of unofficial representative."

Chicago Police Capture Biggest Still in Country

Apparatus Cost \$25,000 to Construct—Will Have to Tear Down Building to Remove It.

Chicago, July 1.—Police and federal agents last night found a still which they herald as the greatest in America. It will take dynamite and the tearing down of the building to confiscate it.

An alarm of fire brought about the discovery. One of the great boiling vats had become overheated. A pedestrian saw smoke, and though he saved the building, he destroyed a business that eventually might have netted millions of dollars.

The fire did little damage. The damage was done by federal agents, who were called by the police. They destroyed about \$75,000 worth of wines, grain alcohol, mash and finished "moonshine" by a judicious mixture of ashes, dirt, coal and whatever was handy.

The vats in the basement—vats 14 by 18 feet by 6 feet deep—and pipes ran through the house.

John Lyons, custodian of the federal warehouse where confiscated liquors are kept, said it was impossible for him to do more than spoil the stuff.

Owner Is Not Found.

"We'll have to get a wrecking crew to tear the building apart to confiscate all this apparatus," he said. "And it will be necessary to dynamite the vats."

The police say the moonshine is the variety that has been selling at \$20 a gallon. There was a fortune of it ready to sell, besides 36 barrels of mash and grain alcohol.

Lieut. Luke Garrick went all through "little Sicily" trying to find the owners of the still, which must have cost \$25,000 to erect, he says.

Mexican Petroleum Hits Lowest Mark

Focal Point of Spectacular Stock Raid Drops To 96.

New York, July 1.—Shares of the Mexican Petroleum company, focal point of the recent spectacular movement on the stock exchange were again under pressure today and dropped to a new low point of 96 in the first hour's trading.

The stock, which closed yesterday at 101, was offered freely after the opening at 101 1/2, and quickly fell below yesterday's low mark of 98. At 96 it showed a loss from the high for the week of 22 1/4. It was a decline within two months from 167 1/4. The record high price is 264, made October 22, 1919.

The decline is attributed by Edward L. Doherty, president of the corporation, largely to circular letters sent out by W. C. Moore, who was arrested yesterday after his indictment on a charge of criminally libeling Mr. Doherty. The indictment charged that Mr. Moore distributed in stock market letters of which he is the publisher, statements calculated to depress Mexican Petroleum stocks. Mr. Moore pleaded not guilty and was held for trial.

Bodies of 118 Unknown Persons Laid to Last Rest in Potters Field

Chicago, July 1.—One hundred and eighteen bodies of men and women, unclaimed by relatives and friends, were buried Tuesday in the Potters' field. This was the accumulation of three months at the county morgue. The bodies are held for that period in the hope someone will put in a claim.

During the three months a multitude of persons had passed among the glass cases. Now and then a body would be recognized and taken away, but for the 118 there were no claimants.

Doubtless some of those put away carried with them secrets that would cause sensations in other cities. Missing persons who will always be "missing," probably went into paupers' graves under assumed names or not identified by any name whatever.

Half of Farm Owners Of U. S. Operate Them

Washington, July 1.—More than one-half of all the farms in the United States are operated by their owners, the census bureau today announced in classifying the 6,488,366 farms in the United States as of 1920.

The number of farms operated by their owners, including owners who hired some additional land in 1920, was 3,925,090, as compared with 3,948,722 in 1910, while those worked by tenants numbered 2,445,746 compared with 2,543,676, 10 years ago. Farms operated by managers totaled 68,530, an increase of 10,000 since the 13th census.

Cotton Crop Condition Is 69.2 Per Cent of Normal

Washington, July 1.—A cotton crop of 8,333,000 equivalent 500-pound bales this year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the area under cultivation June 25, which was 26,519,000 acres, and the condition of the crop on that date, which was 69.2 per cent of normal.

Daughter to Succeed Late Illinois Man in Congress

Springfield, Ill., July 1.—Governor Small will appoint Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck as a member-at-large in congress to complete the unexpired term of her father, the late William E. Mason, it was learned tonight.

A resolution empowering the governor to fill the vacancy was adopted when the legislature met today.

Negro Held to Grand Jury For Harrison Act Violation

H. Greenway, negro, was bound over to the grand jury for violation of the Harrison act after a hearing before United States Commissioner Boehler Thursday afternoon.

Watchman's Slayer, Picks Out His Coffin Before Taking Chair

Columbus, O., July 1.—Royce Richardson, 32, negro, was electrocuted at the Ohio penitentiary early this morning for his part in the murder of Louis Schroeder and A. E. Long, New York Central railroad detectives, who were killed during a holdup in Toledo January 17, last.

Shortly before his death Richardson in consultation with an undertaker picked from a catalogue the style of coffin and funeral shroud he wished to be buried in. He also arranged other funeral details.

Grand Jury Refuses To Stop Big Battle

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been Dempsey's camp turned over to their owners.

Dempsey's three Belgian police dogs, which have been with him during the training grind are already in Jersey City. They were taken in the champion's limousine by his brother, Bernard Dempsey, yesterday.

"Don't forget to let them out once in a while for a brief run," was the champion's final instructions as the big car rolled away, with the dogs poking their heads out of the windows.

Challenger Is Calm

Manhasset, N. Y., July 1.—Only light exercise was on the work program of Georges Carpentier today and to keep his mind off tomorrow's battle, Trainer Wilson, prescribed phonograph music, a walk through the woods and a long automobile ride. The camp was besieged by an army of last minute well-wishers, but they met stout resistance at the gate in a squad of county policemen and camp attaches were turned away.

This of all days, Trainer Wilson said, was to be a day of peace for the challenger and he was not to be bothered even by personal friends.

All members of the camp were busy getting things in order for the morning, with only a slight display of nervousness in the entire camp. This was on the part of Manager Descamps, who appeared to be "up in the air" because of a number of telephone calls. He said there had been no less than 75 up to noon and that he had been asked all the foolish questions imaginable.

Will Retain Camp

Some fellow who said he was going to bet on Carpentier wanted to talk to the challenger himself and ask his advice. A woman thought Descamps rude because he refused an invitation for the challenger to attend an ice cream social tonight.

Although he declined to say what plans had been made for after the fight, Descamps intimated that the camp here would be retained.

Trainer Wilson will be placed in charge and will condition Charles Ledoux, the French bantamweight champion, and Paul Journe, the big French heavyweight. It is also probable that Marcel Denys, the French lightweight, will train here under the supervision of Wilson. Should Georges win his fight with Dempsey, it is almost certain that he will come to this country later and make Manhasset his headquarters, if only temporarily.

New York Eagerly Awaits Gong for Fight of Century

New York, July 1.—New York hotels were crowded to overflowing today and in the lobbies, dining rooms or hallways there was a buzz of conversation in which the word "Dempsey and Carpentier" predominated.

Fully 5,000 out of town folks registered yesterday who announced their intention of seeing the championship bout and some 20,000 were expected to flow in today from every corner of the continent.

Ever hotel last night announced it could care for no more guests. Most of the large hostleries plan to install cots in corridors, on the roofs and in other places not often slept in.

The crowd attending the bout, the largest in history of the sport, will be the most orderly, police promised today.

Elaborate preparations have been made by Jersey City police and the "way of the transgressor" promises to be made hazardous by nearly 2,000 policemen and detectives inside and outside of the arena.

Most novel in the plan to prevent confusion will be the establishment of a "dead line" extending approximately four blocks on all sides of the arena. Blue coats stationed at intervals of a few yards on this boundary will bar admittance to all persons who do not possess tickets or other proper credentials.

The issue of bogus tickets in many sections of the country added to the problems confronting Promoter Tex Rickard and the police authorities.

Crowds Cheer 'Human Spider' As He Climbs Building

He crawled right up the side of the Woodman of the World building Thursday night and as he seized the flagpole on top and did a few acrobatic stunts the crowd below cheered and cheered. He is Bill Strothers, human spider, who is doing stunts for the Nebraska National Guard while in Omaha. It took him but an hour to negotiate his stunt last night. A collection taken up by members of the national guard during the climb netted more than \$75 to be divided equally between the "spider" and the guard mess fund.

Mail Bandit Admits Part In Hold Up and Slaying

Toledo, O., July 1.—Herman Fink, 25, of Philadelphia, who was arrested here Tuesday, today confessed his complicity in the mail robbery in Bayonne, N. J., several months ago, in which a mail messenger was killed and more than \$100,000 in cash and securities stolen. He will be returned to Philadelphia today.

Senate's Plan for Vacation Halted

Adherents of Three Bills Demand Action Before Adjournment.

Washington, July 1.—Plans of senate leaders to begin a series of three-day recesses next week, pending receipt of tariff legislation from the house were disrupted today by insistence of advocates of soldier bonus, maternity and agricultural relief bills that such measures be disposed of before the body temporarily stops work.

Unanimous consent agreement has been reached for a vote on the Shepard-Towner bill on the 10th legislative day dating from today. Announcement was made by Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, in charge of the soldier bonus bill, that he would seek to call up his measure following disposal of the maternity bill, and Senator Norris of Nebraska declared he would seek action on the farm products export corporation bill after disposing of the bonus measure. Another measure on which action will be pressed is the Willis-Campbell anti-medical beer bill.

The senate today adopted a motion providing for Fourth of July adjournment tonight until Tuesday. The house will hold a perfunctory session tomorrow and adjourn until Wednesday.

Blinded by Lightning

Charles City, Ia., July 1.—Bert Raymond of Floyd is blind today as a result of being struck by lightning last night. He was knocked unconscious.

Senators Postpone Rail Probe for Month

Washington, July 1.—Senate investigation of the railway situation was suspended today by Chairman Cummins of the interstate commerce committee until the middle or latter part of August. This was taken to mean that there would be no railway relief legislation at the present extra session of congress.

Chairman Cummins said suspension of the inquiry was deemed advisable in view of the inclination of the senate to take a summer recess. Representatives of labor and shippers are yet to be heard. The original plan contemplated a committee report and possibly the proposal of legislation for consideration at the present session of congress.

Thompson, Belden & Co.

Anticipating a Double Holiday

STORAGE for your FURS

It is hardly safe to keep one's furs out of storage any later than this. We shall be glad to call for them Saturday. Dry, cold air storage is furnished for a cost of three per cent of your valuation.

The Fur Shop—Third Floor

Stylish Stout Corsets

Give fashionable lines to stout figures by moulding them in trim, straight lines. Large women seem to be pounds lighter when a correctly fitted, stylish stout corset is worn.

Priced no higher than ordinary corsets.

Second Floor

Toilet Goods Specials

Prophylactic hair brushes on sale Saturday for 79c. Bath soap, 5c a cake. Pepsodent tooth paste, Saturday, 39c a tube. Woodbury's soap, 19c.

Hair Nets for a Whole Trip 50c a dozen

One of those things, like tooth paste, that are so difficult to remember—hair nets appear on everyone's list of vacation requisites. A special price is, therefore, doubly attractive.

Sonia nets in all colors, cap or fringe shape, 50c a dozen.

Notions—Main Floor

Bags That Are Attractive

Leather bags for tailored wear permit a choice between flat, envelope purses and gathered bag shapes, all with vanity fittings, \$2.50 to \$18 each. Black leather bathing suit bags are rubber lined and quite fine for \$1.50 each.

Notions—Main Floor

Athletic Suits for Women

Are quite as well liked among women as B. V. Ds are by men. We have them in a variety of cool fabrics, white or flesh colored.

Second Floor

Swiss Organdies \$1 and \$1.25 a yd.

Imported organdies retain their sheer crispness after tubbing, so that their purchase is an economy. 45-inch organdies in two qualities, \$1 and \$1.25 a yard.

Linen—Main Floor

Bathing Suits

Are of first importance; good looking styles and colors in suits that range in price from \$5 to \$10.

A Clearance of Shirts for \$1.25

It is a timely sale. Arrow and Eagle shirts with French or starched cuffs, some slightly mused from display—all splendid for \$1.25.

Union Suits for \$1.50

Porosknit, B. V. D., Superior and Mansco suits, knit or nainsook.

Linen Handkerchiefs

Will sell Saturday for 35c, three for \$1, or, \$3.75 a dozen. Real economies.

Wash Tubulars

Also 35c each, three for \$1, Saturday.

Nightshirts for \$1.85

Fine cool muslin, nainsook or madras nightshirts, large or short sleeved, middy style or button down the front, sizes 15 to 20.

Pajamas for Only \$2.15

We have selected certain garments from our stock and priced them for disposal Saturday, \$2.15 a suit.