

HILL COUNTRY HIDES FLEEING CONVICT BAND

Oklahoma Badlands, Long Refuge of Desperadoes, Kansas Gangs' Goal.

By United Press
MIAMI, Okla., June 1.—Eleven fugitives from the Kansas state penitentiary appeared today to have made good their escape into the Alabama badlands which have given refuge to the southwest's most notorious desperadoes.

Posse searched through known hideouts in the hills, but conceded little chance of finding the convicts until they had to emerge to forage for food.

No verified report had been received for hours of the trail of the fugitives, who left one man slain, two wounded and many robbed as they zig-zagged through Kansas and Oklahoma from Lansing to the hills.

Officers did not believe that the two groups into which the convicts split after their Memorial day escape from Lansing penitentiary had been reunited. One group of six planned the escape, it was thought, and the others "homed in" on the escape party.

All Roads Guarded

Posse guarded all roads in the Osage country, but admitted the impossibility of a thorough search of the hills.

The main band, including desperado killers and life termers, held up a rural filling station between Miami and Picher Wednesday, kidnapped and robbed the operator, Jess Weatherby, and released Weatherby ten miles south. They were not reported after that.

Not since they released three women hostages at a farmhouse near Pleasanton, Kan., Tuesday had the second group revealed its whereabouts.

At Cheyenne, Kan., twenty-five miles northwest of here, the bullet-ridden body of Otto L. Durkee, night watchman, was found in an alley. Empty shells from his gun indicated a battle. It was believed the killers were the second group of convicts.

Ringleader Knows Country

Sheriff Dee Watters of Miami, Okla., and Sheriff John York of Vinita, Okla., were in nominal command of the scores of officers and possemen actively searching for the fugitives.

The apparent objective of both bands is in the Spavinaw or Cookson hills to the south. Watters said.

"Wilbur Underhill, ringleader of the original mutiny plot, who was accused of killing a Picher miner in 1927, knows this country like a book. Apparently under his direction they are doing a lot of fancy backtracking."

At Ponca City, Okla., a report was circulated Wednesday night that a group of fugitives had been seen near Okesa, in the Osage hills.

Gun Battle Reported

By United Press
SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark., June 1.—Police Chief Bob Lafollette of Siloam Springs engaged in a gun battle today with three men believed to be members of the gang of eleven convicts who escaped Tuesday from the Kansas state penitentiary.

Lafollette reported the three men stole an automobile belonging to Clint Thompson here and left in its place their car, identified as a sedan stolen from Leavenworth, Kan.

STRYCHNINE NO CURE, ILL CITY MAN LEARNS

By United Press
May Die as Result of Taking New Friend's Advice.

Strychnine and whisky is not a very good prescription for rheumatism, Walter Collins, 34, Negro, 334 Darnell street, discovered today when he was taken to city hospital in a serious condition.

Collins's wife said Collins met another Negro Wednesday night, whom he did not know, but with whom he became friendly. The conversation veered from one topic to another and Collins revealed to his new-found friend that he suffered extremely from inflammatory rheumatism.

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BANK WORKERS TO TESTIFY AT JURY HEARING

Fletcher-American Staff to Tell of \$40,000 State Savings Deposit.

Employees of the Fletcher American National bank were to be summoned before the grand jury this afternoon to testify regarding a deposit of \$40,000 carried in the bank to the credit of the defunct State Savings and Trust Company, according to Oscar Hagemier, grand jury deputy prosecutor.

The \$40,000 deposit is one of the two transactions of the State Savings being probed at direction of Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson.

Hagemier denied that local bankers would be summoned in the probe, and declared that the employees of the Fletcher American would be the only persons to testify from local banking circles.

Wilson had been quoted as saying that local bankers would be called to give information regarding the condition of the State Savings several years before its closing in 1930.

Thomas E. Garvin, receiver for the defunct Meyer-Kiser bank, received instructions from Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox today regarding appraisal of real estate assets of the bank and disposition of valuables placed with the bank for safekeeping.

In his petition to have an appraisal of real estate assets, Garvin declared there is "practically no real estate standing in the name of the bank, but that a vast amount of the bank's property consists of mortgage bonds, common and preferred stocks, value of which depends solely upon the real estate behind them."

TURTLE IS OLD FRIEND

Hoosier Grieves Him Again After Lapse of 38 Years.

By United Press
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., June 1.—A turtle on which Ora Newton carved his name thirty-eight years ago and turned loose, was found by him again recently. The turtle is about the same size as in 1895, when he first ran across it, Newton said.

\$80,000 LEFT TWO HOSPITALS IN WILL

Retired Attorney Dies at North Side Home.

Bequests of \$40,000 each to the Methodist and Riley hospitals are contained in the will of Edmund Zoller, 74, of 2410 Central avenue, retired attorney, who died at his home early today.

The will was filed by the Union Trust Company and John H. Kingbury, co-executors. Value of the estate is estimated at \$125,000, including real and personal property.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, members of the family said. Survivors include a half sister, Miss Leona Zoller, and two half brothers, Carl and Otto Zoller. Mr. Zoller's wife died two years ago.

Other bequests in the will include \$2,000 to St. Vincent's hospital, and bequests of money and personal effects to friends.

Instructions for Mr. Zoller's burial, contained in the will, specify that flowers purchased by the funeral director be limited to \$40 and that friends omit flowers.

American Newspapermen Fly Over China War Zone

Scenes Described by Writer

After Record Flight to Peiping.

Miles W. Vaughn, United Press foreign manager, has just arrived in Peiping, China, after having passed through both the Chinese and the Japanese lines of miles through the war zone.

From the Japanese lines we drove three miles across "no man's land." We could see corpses still lying in the now silent zone between the battle lines.

Reaching the Chinese lines, we found General Fu Tso-Yi had his men busy erecting new fortifications in preparation for a possible but now seemingly improbable resumption of hostilities.

General Nichi told us his Japanese division had occupied an area inside the great wall as large as the state of New Jersey. He admitted that this was accomplished only through overcoming the stiffest resistance.

EXPERT CLAIMS HOME LOAN ACT INADEQUATE

By Miles W. Vaughn
United Press Staff Correspondent

PEIPING, China, June 1.—I just arrived in Peiping after an airplane flight from Chingchow via Chinkaidu southwest to Miyunshien where the Chinese and Japanese drive their battle lines while awaiting the outcome of efforts to bring about a truce.

At Miyunshien, General Nishi, Japanese commander of the Eighth division of the emperor's army, told of the temporary truce under which active hostilities were interrupted.

I left Tokio and went to Manchuria in company with Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Together we toured Manchuria, finally reaching Chingchow.

At 8 a. m. Tuesday we left Chingchow by airplane and at 11 a. m. arrived at Miyunshien, where we were met by Herbert Ekins, United Press Peiping correspondent, and Jack Howard, son of Roy W. Howard.

They had driven out from Peiping through both the Chinese and the Japanese lines to meet us. They traveled in a motor car which carried the American flag and a white flag of truce across the radiator and a white flag on its top.

With them we proceeded through the military lines to Peiping, where we arrived at 4:30 p. m., completing the first airplane journey of its kind in the Orient, and establishing a record for travel in this region.

He believes that not only would his plan help the distressed household, but that it would bring much money out of hiding.

"The legislation introduced in congress will benefit only those owners whose equity is negligible, and their mortgages. The holder of a good mortgage will not exchange it for a 4 per cent bond, whatever the consequences to the distressed home owner," he said in his letter to the President.

He estimated the Chinese casualties south of Nantienmen as "many thousand" and said the Japanese had lost more than 100 killed and 400 wounded in the fighting in that area.

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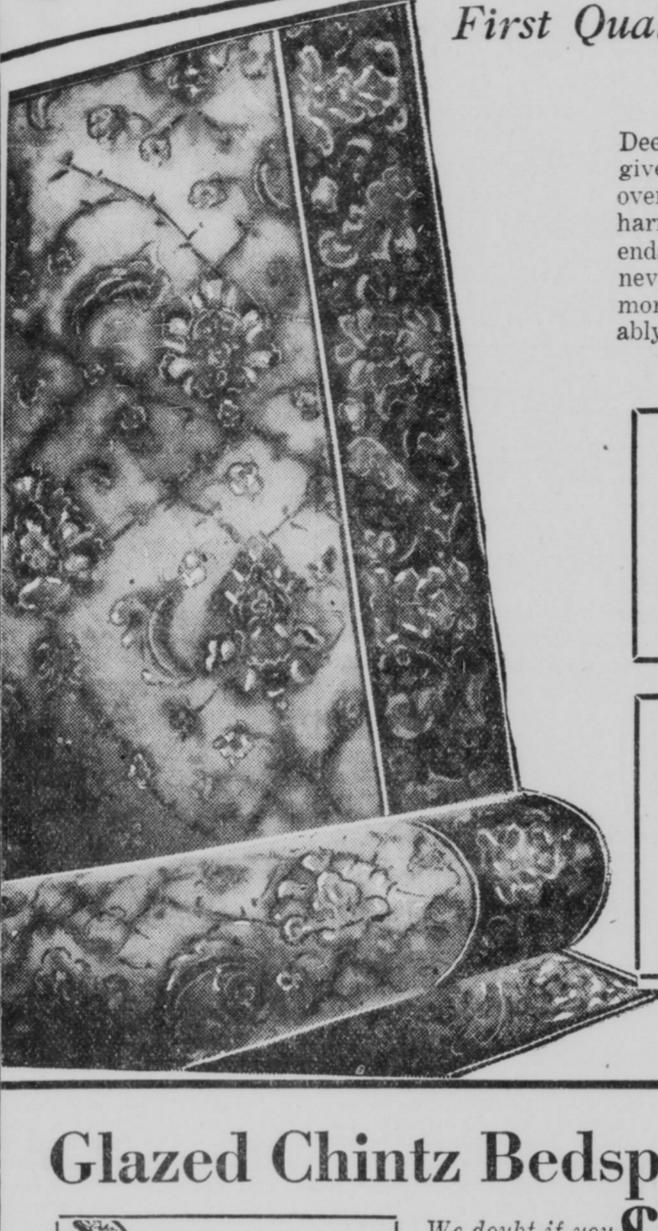
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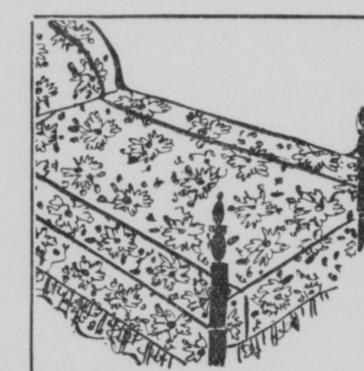
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