

PLAN ASSAULT ON MOUNTAIN

Large Posse Surrounds Squirrel's Spur and Will Endeavor to Take Outlaws Today.

HILLSVILLE BELIEVES SLAYERS DISPERSED

State Militia May Take Part in Manhunt - Wesley Edwards Barely Makes Getaway.

Mount Airy, N. C., March 19.—A citizens posse left here at daybreak today for Squirrel's spur in response to a call from the main posse of Sheriff's deputies and detectives searching for the Allen clan.

Hillsville, Va., March 19.—An assault upon the heights of Squirrel's spur in the Blue Ridge mountains, where Sidna Allen and part of his gang are believed to be entrenched, was planned today by a posse of forty detectives, reinforced by citizen volunteers, according to reports reaching here from Mount Airy.

Edwards escaped through a back door. News that authorities have moved upon Allen's stronghold is hourly expected.

The belief here is growing that the fugitives, with a full day's start on their pursuers, separated and scattered into remote villages. Captain Davant of the state militia is anxious to surround the mountains with about 200 men and search every nook and corner and place guards upon every highway to cut off the fugitives' food supply.

Hillsville has almost regained its composure but women are still afraid to go out of doors.

Mrs. Allen Talks. Mrs. Sidna Allen, seen at Steven Williams' house, half a mile from her residence, said she had no idea where her husband was. When told that Floyd Allen was still alive, she expressed regret.

"I have no idea where Sidna went when he left me Thursday," she said. "I left our home the night this awful thing happened. My husband was still there. As I kissed him goodbye, he told me to do everything I could for our two little children."

Six detectives who remained in the mountains when the main posse returned to Hillsville, came in yesterday afternoon empty-handed. They reported that they had failed to find any trace of the outlaws who disappeared after the court-room murder on Thursday.

Washington, March 19.—Advances of transportation rates on coal from the Virginia and West Virginia coal fields to the great lake ports made by the Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio and Kanawha & Michigan railroads were today disapproved by the interstate commerce commission.

COAL RATE ADVANCES HELD UNJUSTIFIABLE

Interstate Commission Disapproves All Increases Except Norfolk & Western's.

The commission upheld proposed advances from the Thacker districts from 97 cents to \$1.60 1/2 a ton, and from the Pocahontas districts from \$1.12 to \$1.21 1-4 a ton made by the Norfolk & Western railroad. On the ground they did not impose unjust or unreasonable charge for the transportation service rendered.

MR. TAFT SPENDS BUSY DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

"Invades" the State of Executive, Who is Booming Col Roosevelt.

Boston, March 19.—President Taft left this morning to "invade" New Hampshire, the state of Governor Bass, one of the state executives, supporting Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination.

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Procession a Brilliant Pageant - Cardinal Gibbons Makes Principal Address.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

STATE DEM. COMMITTEE TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Will Name Time and Place for Convention—Big Still Raided.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, March 19. Deputy collector K. W. Merritt, Deputy Marshal F. W. Knight and Postman A. C. Maynard made a raid Sunday in Chatham county and captured four men, destroyed a large still, poured out a lot of liquor and 1500 gallons of beer.

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TAKING NO CHANCES

INCOME TAX BILL WILL PASS HOUSE

Brief Debate Will Be Followed By Voting This Afternoon.

Washington, March 19.—The passage of the democratic excise income tax bill to meet the drain upon the treasury that would be caused by putting sugar on the free list was confidently expected before nightfall by the democratic leaders of the house.

INSTRUCTED DELEGATION FROM GEORGIA LIKELY

Democrats of the State Assembled in Convention at Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., March 19.—Democrats assembled in state convention here today to select delegates to the Baltimore convention. Indications are that the delegation will be instructed.

Washington, March 19.—Senator Martin today introduced in the senate a joint resolution to appoint a commission to inquire into the feasibility of the government purchasing Monticello, Jefferson's home, near Charlottesville, Va.

NATIONAL BANK CASE TO BE HEARD OCT. 15

Hearing Is Advanced at Request of Solicitor General, Who Criticises Delay.

Washington, March 19.—The Supreme court yesterday advanced to hearing on October 15 the case involving the indictment of William E. Bruce and Joseph E. Dickerson from the National Bank of Asheville, N. C. in asking for the advancement of the "special and peculiar" circumstances involved in this extraordinary delay of 15 years between indictment and punishment.

DROPS FROM HIGH TOWER; SUICIDE IS SUSPECTED

B. F. Board, Prominent in Washington, Is Killed at Wake Forest.

Benjamin Fleet Board, a prominent business man of Alexandria, Va., and chairman of Washington fell last night from a 100 foot water tank at the home of his brother-in-law at Wake Forest and died instantly.

5 KILLED BY TRAIN

Locomotive Strikes Vehicle at Ellettsville, Ind.—The Horses Escape Unhurt.

Ellettsville, Ind., March 19.—Five men in a hurry were killed outright by a passenger train at a railroad crossing today. Two horses attached to the vehicle were unhurt.

Waco, Tex., March 19.—A. P. Dun can died today from a pistol shot fired yesterday by Alexander Johnson. Both are prominent merchants. Johnson was arrested. A business quarrel caused the homicide.

2 OUTLAWS SLAIN IN RUNNING FIGHT

Man They Forced to Accompany Them Victim of Officers' Fire.

NEBRASKA CONVICTS RESIST DESPERATELY

Third of Escaped Trio Surrenders Unscathed—The Pursuit Continues for Miles.

Omaha, Neb., March 19.—Two of the convicts John Dowd and John Taylor, who escaped last Thursday from the state penitentiary at Lincoln and Roy Blunt, an innocent victim of their murderous attempt to gain liberty, are dead as the result of a battle between the bandits and officers of the law this afternoon.

Charles Morley, the third member of the trio which escaped from the state prison after killing three officials of that institution saved his life by surrendering to the officers with whom he had fought a running battle over two and a half miles of country with horses on the gallop.

The three escaped convicts were within striking distance of the hoped for goal of safety when the final struggle for liberty occurred. They have covered the stretch from Lincoln to within a few miles of the Omaha city limits where they had expected to receive the protection of friends.

From the moment of their escape the three men had employed the same desperate methods to protect themselves from recapture which featured their escape from prison and they did not hesitate at the crucial moment to attempt to sell their lives as dearly as possible.

The men had broken into a store at Murdock, between this city and Lincoln, and stolen guns, ammunition and clothing.

Reaching a point, eight miles from here the officers caught up with the vehicle carrying the convicts near Mowinkle school. The Young Blunt compelled to lash his horses into a run but the officers kept up the pursuit until they were within a hundred yards of the fleeing desperadoes.

Finally there came a halt when Young Blunt toppled back into the wagon, the victim of a bullet. Chief Briggs instantly jumped from his buggy and fired at the men in the wagon. Meantime other members of the posse came up and joined in the fusillade. John Dowd was shot to fall. Taylor was the third to fall and then Charles Morley, the third convict, threw up his hands in token of surrender.

Chief Briggs shouted to Morley to drop his weapon or he would meet instant death.

Morley, who had aloft a big revolver, dropped it and Briggs ordered him to come forward with hands up. This Morley did and Briggs took a second revolver from the man's pockets.

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 with him, and found the lifeless victims of the battle.

GUILFORD STORM DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Loss on Bridges Alone \$20,000, Trains Tied up, Mails Are Delayed.

GOV. KITCHIN RENEWS ATTACK ON SIMMONS

Large Crowd Hears Him Assail Record of Senator—Republican Convention Called.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, March 19. The authorities of Guilford county have acted promptly in an effort to repair as speedily as possible damage resulting from Friday's storm and yesterday 12 gangs of workmen were sent to the various sections of the county to reconstruct bridges. It is estimated that the damage to bridges alone in Guilford county will reach between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

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MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT. If I could select the man I would name. Name, Address. Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office.