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TENNESSEE MAN RIVALS JESSIE JAMES

Walter Belvins Alleged to Have Committed Many Crimes

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Nov. 6.—Rivaling the exploits of Jesse James were the thrilling experiences and adventures of Walter Belvins, alias Walter Curtis, alias Walter Dean, who has just been taken from this city to Anaconda, Montana, by Montana officers armed with requisition papers from Governor T. C. Rye, of Tennessee, issued at the request of the Governor of Montana. Belvins will be placed on trial at Anaconda charged with murder and highway robbery, and Montana officers here assert that his sensational career as an outlaw will end in the gallows at Anaconda.

Belvins belong to the famous Harvey Logan clan, according to a letter now in possession of Attorney W. T. Kennerly, of Knoxville, said to have been written by Belvins. He was as clever as the burglar Raffles, as shown by the fact that once, while officers had an eye on him, he took a small wire used to clean his pipe and opened the lock on his handcuffs. Under plasters on his back were small saws and files, and he also had tools to cut prison bars in his belt. Numerous times he has proven that prison bars are no barrier to his liberty.

Investigation by secret service men post office inspectors and other Federal officers at Knoxville has disclosed deeds and crimes attributed to Belvins which are unparalleled in the most popular "Diamond Dick" and "Nick Carter" stories. And yet, they say, they have not learned half his career as a desperado. He covered up many of his crimes with extraordinary cunning.

Gold suggests were stolen in Alaska by Belvins, and on this charge and jail-breaking at Juneau, Alaska, he was sentenced to the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth by the Territorial Court in Alaska.

He was released from Leavenworth prison on October 15, 1916. He then went to Chattanooga and worked for two or three weeks as a structural steel worker on the Volunteer State Life Building. He quit that job about the middle of November, 1916, and visited his parents, who, it is said, lived about ten miles above Johnson City.

For two months he remained in upper East Tennessee. During that time the post office at Johnson City was entered, the vault therein, as well as the large safe inside the vault were blown open with nitroglycerine and nearly \$10,000 worth of postage stamps and several hundred dollars in money stolen. A short time thereafter the post office at Piney Flats was broken into. Suspicion attached to Belvins, although the post office authorities had no direct proof of his connection with this robbery.

In the latter part of February, 1917, Belvins left East Tennessee and returned to Montana, where he had lived for several years before going to the penitentiary. While in Montana he was arrested by the State authorities upon a minor charge and was given six months in jail. While in jail at Malta, Montana, he made his escape, in connection with two men, who it is claimed were western highwaymen.

Shortly after his escape from jail in company with these two men and another party, he went to Anaconda, and while at Anaconda, this quartette held up ten or fifteen automobiles on a highway about three miles from Anaconda. These machines were loaded with people returning from a dance at a country club.

Because one of the parties, a prominent business man, failed to hold up his hands as quickly as Belvins ordered, it is claimed Belvins shot him and also shot a woman who did not respond immediately to his command. The man lived a few weeks and died. The woman recovered.

Officers pursued the robbers, who had commandeered an automobile, toward Butte and fired upon them a number of times and wounded one of them, who was afterwards captured in Butte; he was identified as one of the band, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. Belvins made his escape and was afterwards recaptured at Minot, North Dakota, and returned to Malta, Mon-

tana, on the old charge for which he was serving a sentence when he escaped. It was claimed part of the stolen goods and jewelry was found upon him.

Belvins confessed to the robbery of the Johnson City post office at Malta, Montana, and before the Montana State authorities suspected that he was connected with the Anaconda robbery he was brought to Tennessee for trial for the Johnson City robbery of the \$19,000 in postage stamps and several hundred dollars in money.

He was tried on the charge at the session of the United States District Court in September, at Greenville, Tenn., when he repudiated his alleged confession, claiming it was forced upon him by the sheriff in Montana, and the Federal Government being unable to rebut his claim, at that time, he was acquitted by the jury, there being no other evidence of his robbing the Johnson City post office except his reputed confession.

While in jail at Greenville a small boy in the cell showed Belvins a saw. Belvins told the boy that the saw was no good for cutting bars and showed him some better ones which he had in his belt. He told the boy that if when he got out, he would get some nitroglycerine and smuggle it into him he would pay the boy \$5 and would use the explosive to kill the guard and also blow up part of the prison, so that other prisoners could escape. The boy was scared and "aquealed" to Federal officers.

Sheriff J. R. Crabb and Deputy Sheriff Percy Ingalls, of Montana, are taking Belvins back to Montana with a twenty-pound boot on his foot, which has a combination lock which takes about thirty minutes to open, and strong handcuffs.

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