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**THE FOLSOM PRISON OUTBREAK**

A MOST DRAMATIC EXPLOIT IN WHICH THIRTEEN CONVICTS OVERPOWERED AND CAPTURED THE WARDEN AND GUARDS, ARMED THEMSELVES WITH RIFLES AND REVOLVERS AND BOLDLY LEFT THE PRISON.

FOLSOM, July 27.—Twelve robbers and one burglar, desperadoes all, cut their way to freedom from the State prison this morning. One swift, successful blow they struck at the very center of the penitentiary government—a blow that killed one keeper, mortally wounded another and left the officials of Folsom helpless.

Folsom prison is one of the few penitentiaries in the country that is not surrounded by a prison wall. The State has never felt that it could afford the expense of a wall, and this parsimony of the State facilitated in a great measure the disastrous jail break of today.

Gatling guns mounted and riflemen stationed in watch towers that occupy half a dozen eminences surrounding the prison buildings constitute the barriers of the State prison at Folsom, a condition that favored the plans of the escaping convicts. The break took place at 7 o'clock this morning as a line of 200 convicts was passing out through the gate of the prison building to begin their daily labors on the rock pile and rock crushers. It was the first line out, and in it were the thirteen convicts concerned in the break. The thirteen stepped out of the line in front of the office of Captain Murphy, which adjoins the prison gate. This move attracted no attention, for the reason that every morning a few convicts are required to step out of the line and be tried in the captain's office for infractions of prison discipline.

When the entire line had passed out and the gate had closed behind them, there was a concerted attack on the guards by the little band of thirteen. Each whipped a knife or razor from under his blouse and a wild scene ensued. The fight began in front of the captain's office and ended in that apartment. Big pools of blood were to be seen this afternoon on the board floor of the office where Cotter and Cochran fell under the knives of the convicts. The blood-letting accomplished its purpose; the convicts had shown they would not stop at murder, and Warden Wilkinson, together with Captain of the Guard Murphy and several less important prison attaches were quickly intimidated into doing the bidding of the convicts. Neither the Warden, captain of the guard nor any of the guards who participated in the melee was armed with any weapon more deadly than a cane or club. The explanation of the Warden is that guns and revolvers are not deemed necessary or advisable where they might be procured by the convicts by the exercise of force.

The unarmed guards could make but little show of resistance against a band of convicts armed so crudely and yet so effectively. The ease with which the men carried out the rest of their programme was, under the circumstances, not surprising. With the Warden and several others of the prison authorities to serve them as shields, the escaping convicts, several of them dripping with the blood of Cotter and Cochran, went to the armory, a stone building surmounted with a Gatling station, standing on the high ground back of the main prison buildings, and there equipped themselves to their hearts' content with revolvers, rifles and ammunition. The weapons they did not need were disabled. Then the march over the hills began. The little party of convicts and officers walked away and not one of the Gatling guns in the towers that commanded the retreat for a mile over the prison ranch dared to bark its protest.

Warden Wilkinson, Captain Murphy and Harry Wilkinson, the Warden's nephew, were released before the party had gone a mile, but they came back to the prison with less of their clothes than they started with. The Warden managed, by the exercise of much persuasion, to retain all his garments except his hat. He even talked one of the convicts into letting him retain his shoes, trousers and shirt, with a costly diamond collar button. Harry Wilkinson came back in convict garb, having been forced to exchange clothes with one of the escaped prisoners. All the captured guards were similarly treated, and when Murphy parted from the fugitive band all but two or three were comfortably attired in civilian clothes.

In its detail, the story of the break is dramatic. The prisoners marched into the dining-room and had breakfast. Warden Wilkinson, as was his wont, scrutinized their actions. After the meal the men marched out of the main gate of the prison into the yard. The upper yard line was out, and most of the stone line were through, when two prisoners turned suddenly on Outer Gatekeeper W. A. Chalmers and a dozen others rushed for the captain's office, only a few feet to the left of the main entrance to the prison proper. Warden Thomas Wilkinson, Captain R. J. Murphy, Harry A. Wilkinson, the Warden's nephew, and five or six guards were assembled in the captain's office in readiness to hold the usual morning session of court. The prison court is held each morning, and any complaint laid against convicts by guards or officials is investigated.

The assembled officials and guards expected anything rather than trouble. They heard something like a scuffle at the main entrance, and Captain Murphy rose from his chair, intending to investigate, when the convicts dashed into the office door.

Each of the desperate men were armed with a "file" knife or razor, and in a twinkling they were in the midst of the assembled guards and officers, none of whom were armed, and ordered them to line up and march out.

Meantime the "free men" outside learned that something was wrong, and started for the office. General Overseer Joseph Cochran was the first to enter. He was armed with a stout cane, and, being of an impulsive, impetuous nature, immediately began using the cane on the convicts to compel submission.

But the convicts who had planned the movement were desperate. They had staked their lives on the move, and one man clothed with authority and armed with a cane was not allowed to stand in their way.

In a twinkling men sprang upon the intrepid overseer, and dirks descended and razors flashed into his body. The other convicts seemed crazed by the onslaught. They used their knives, evidently made in the prison blacksmith shop from old files, and their razors, evidently furnished from the prison barber shop, indiscriminately upon the free men in the room.

Guard William L. Cotter, who has held the position for seven years, staggered, put his hands to his side, and said: "My God, I'm done for," and then fell to the floor. Guard Charles Jolly was bleeding profusely from two wounds.

Warden Wilkinson had received a slash across the abdomen, but for over six hours did not know the knife had more than clipped through his clothing. While at dinner, however, he examined the slashes in his vest, trousers, shirts and drawers, and found that the knife point had seamed the skin and drawn blood for several inches.

William L. Cotter had been dismembered and the intestines cut through with the knife, and was also bleeding from various other wounds. Cochran had two deep, dangerous stabs in the back.

The Captain's office looked like a slaughter-house. It is about fifteen feet square and from the front porch to the rear door it was spattered with blood.

The melee was over in a few seconds. Captain Murphy, when the dash was made, realized instantly what was intended and dashed into the annex to the rear of the office, intending to run out, gather the guard, throw away the keys of the prison arsenal or armory and of the gate leading from the yard. The rear door leading from the annex is usually open, but Captain Murphy found it locked and he was beset by two convicts who threatened to murder him if he did not get back into the office and line up. He made a virtue of necessity and went back.

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