

TROOPS MAY BE CALLED TO HUNT DOWN OUTLAWS

Believed to Be Intrinched in a Mountain Strong-Hold Call Devils Den—May Use Dynamite To Drive Them Out—Preaching the Death Penalty.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Hillsville, Va., March 18.—Sidney Allen, leader of the outlaw clan, with probably a score of desperados, is believed to be entrenched at Devils Den. It is the most inaccessible spot in the Blue Ridge. Devils Den is a natural fort. There are two approaches, on opposite sides, guarded by huge rocks. On the other two sides are sheer cliffs, from 50 to 100 feet in height. The "den" is a mountain spring. There is ample room for half a hundred defenders. Within a radius of three miles, nearly all the Alleghens have mountain homes. Devils Den is on top of a mountain of nearly solid granite. There is practically no vegetation to shield an attacking force. Mountaineers say that one man, with plenty of ammunition, could kill off a besieging party from his natural rifle pit, almost without showing enough of his body for a target.

Closing in on Devils Den. Hillsville, Va., March 18.—Up in the western end of Fancy Gap, two score detectives today began closing toward Devils Den, where it is believed Sidney Allen and the members of his outlaw gang are entrenched, ready to add further murder to their record of crime that culminated last Wednesday in Judge Massie's courtroom. Under Detective Feltz, the posse is pursuing Sidney Edwards, nephew of the Allen brothers, who is believed to be one of the gang that shot up the courtroom. This mountaineer is fleeing as fast as a badly burned fox will permit. Surprised by the appearance of detectives Saturday, he stepped accidentally into a big cauldron of hot corn mash at his "moonshine still" and being barefoot, "was severely burned. He left in such a precipitate haste that the posse found his revolver hanging in its holster on the walls of his mountain cabin. His rifle was missing, however. Clear, warm weather today did much to aid in the pursuit of the murderers by drying up the mountain passes which have been almost impassable because of the mud. More detectives joined in the man-hunt, forming a ring about the mountain strongholds of the outlaws—a ring that is steadily growing smaller. All of the federal government's "mountain experts"—internal revenue agents familiar with almost every foot of the Blue Ridge and long enemies of the mountain folk—today joined in the search. Officially, they are under orders to run down the Allen gang, because word brought back to town today was that posse at Sidney Allen's and Sidney Edwards' homes found large quantities of "white" liquor—corn juice. In the mountain vernacular—in various processes of manufacture.

Moonsshine Liquor Seized. Twenty gallons of moonsshine was seized at Edwards' cabin and his two stills were wrecked. At Floyd Allen's home, a similar amount of mountain dew was unearthed. This liquor will be brought back to Hillsville and guarded until United States Deputy Marshal Steve Padden can be notified to take charge of it. He is now in the mountains. From the very fact that almost no news came from down the mountain sides today, the usual mysterious mountain "wireless" being stilled, the townpeople here believe the posse have practically succeeded, in surrounding Sid Allen and his gang. The scene of operations has now shifted almost twelve miles distant from the town—in a region desolate in its panorama of crags and dense valley forests, and primeval in its accessibility. The only word regarding the man-hunt comes from the messengers sent back to town for supplies, or to act as guides for reinforcement.

TROOPS MAY BE CALLED OUT. Hillsville, Va., March 18.—Two thousand feet above sea level, among the crags and caves of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Allen gang, who demonstrated their contempt of constituted law by a massacre of the judge, the prosecutor and the sheriff of the Carroll county court last Thursday, continue to defy capture. The day's search by a posse of 500 detectives and citizen volunteers demonstrated that unless the militia is sent here to begin a systematic siege of the hiding places of the outlaws they never may be brought to answer to the indictments for murder returned here yesterday. For such a plan a campaign site was selected today by representatives of Governor Mann. The county authorities are working in harmony with the

A DANGEROUS BOMB MAKER

A Chemist of Ability Making Explosives to Blow up Those Who Receive Them.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, March 18.—Convicted they have a dangerous lunatic to deal with the police today started with renewed determination the search for the person who on Saturday sent a bomb to Judge Otto A. Rosinsky. They are now convinced the bomb was made and sent by the same person that recently sent one through the mails to Mrs. Helen Taylor, blowing her to pieces. They are also satisfied that other bombs will be sent and have warned every one receiving suspicious looking packages to have them opened by explosive experts. "When we find who was responsible, we will all be shocked and surprised," said Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty. "The bomb sender is undoubtedly some one suffering homicidal mania and undoubtedly a chemist of ability. It will be a Herculean task to get this person, but we will try." Judge Rosinsky was in a state of collapse today over his narrow escape. Egan, the expert who lost two fingers while examining the bomb, will recover.

PASQUALE DRAGGED TO DEATH CHAMBER

Auburn, N. Y., March 18.—Armed guards dragged Dominick Di Pasquale to death here today. He resisted them until the entrance to the death chamber was reached. Then, convinced that there was no hope, he marched steadily to the electric chair. He seated himself with the greatest deliberation and, as the anxious guards fastened the straps, he opened his mouth as though to protest. But the words died in his throat as the helmet was shoved down on his head and a few seconds later his body had stiffened out with a force of 1,875 volts of electricity. A second shock of the same voltage was required to make death certain. Pasquale killed Pologio in Rochester, November 3, 1910. He vowed in open court he would cheat the chair. As a result, he was carefully guarded. He made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by hanging with a shoe string. Pasquale's brother, Salvatore, tried to save him by confessing that he was the murderer. Investigation disproved the confession and Salvatore was given two years for perjury. He was in his cell praying when today's execution took place.

state and orders may soon be issued for companies of militia, if not for the search, certainly for the formal arraignment of the prisoners which is scheduled here for March 25. The arraignment is likely to be postponed. Those who know the paths and passes of the highland and the points of vantage from which outlaws could ward off an attacking force with least hurt to themselves, say that the Alleghens unquestionably are concealed behind the overhanging precipices of Devil's Den, half way between here and Mount Airy, N. C. There, with provisions and ammunition, of which it is said, they have plenty, an attacking force would find the aim of the Alleghens deadly. Some think it may be necessary to dynamite the mountain citadels. Quiet prevailed in Hillsville today. The village preacher preached in favor of capital punishment at all times, and there was no mistaking whom he meant. From the countryside came the curious on horseback, muleback, by ox carts and rigs of every description, fording the high water of the creek and climbing the steep hills to the summit where reposes the hamlet of Hillsville. Tragedy is Re-Enacted. Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, with a bullet in his left cheek and a bandage across his face, showed the folks today just how it happened. He rehearsed the scene with vivid detail, even to placing the bullet scarred chairs which were occupied by Judge Massie, Sheriff Webb and Commonwealth Attorney Foster. A row of bullet holes, low on the right hand wall, were added evidence of the tragedy. A shattered rail in front of the judge's bench also showed the effect of the fusillade, and upon the floor was the discoloration of blood. Clerk Goad showed how Attorney Foster, Continued on Page Five.

U. S. SENATOR R. M. LA FOLLETTE OFF ON THE FINAL STRETCH

PANIC IN OLD ENGLAND DEPRESSING STOCK MARKET

Fear That Germany May Take Advantage of the Unprepared Condition of That Country—Settlement Depends on Minimum Wage Scale.

POLITICIANS WILL GATHER

At Columbus Tomorrow Where the Factions Will Flaunt Their Differences.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Columbus, O., March 18.—With a meeting of the Democratic state central committee called to provide for the coming state convention and the method of electing delegates-at-large to the Baltimore convention and a state-wide conference of Republican county executive chairmen scheduled for the same afternoon, tomorrow promises to be filled with important political developments in the Ohio presidential campaign. The bitterest contest will be waged before the Democratic state central committee, where both the Harmon and anti-Harmon factions will attempt to dictate the provisions of the call. The "anti's" will insist on a state-wide primary for the election of the national delegates, the abolition of the unit rule and the holding of a Democratic state convention after the national convention. The Harmon following agree to a presidential preference primary, but insist on a restricted unit rule, and an early state convention to limit the national delegates by this rule. The plan of the Harmon following has been made public by State Insurance Commissioner E. H. Moore, Harmon's Ohio manager. Moore is willing that the state shall vote as a unit for the presidential candidate, who receives the most votes in a preference primary, only so long as that candidate is in the race. That is, if Harmon receives a majority of the vote in the state, the solid vote of Ohio will be cast for him as long as his name is before the Baltimore convention. But should he withdraw, the delegation is free to vote for any other candidate and cannot be delivered as a unit to Underwood or any other candidate, or for any platform. One of the first things the Democratic committee will do is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland. Mayor Newton D. Baker is looked upon as the likely successor. This, however, will depend on Baker's stand on the early convention date. Canton, Akron, Toledo and Columbus are lively candidates for the honor of entertaining the Democratic state convention. The conference of Republican chairmen to be held here tomorrow afternoon will be addressed by Senator Burton, who speaks to the constitutional convention in the morning.

Of His Whirlwind Campaign in North Dakota and His Banners Flying Everywhere—Contest Between Him and T. R.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Fargo, N. D., March 18.—Confident that he will win the first state-wide presidential preference primary ever held in this country, Senator Robert M. La Follette today started on the final stretch of his whirlwind campaign. He spoke at Minot this morning and at Devils Lake later in the day. The blizzardy weather of last week is gone and if tomorrow dawned as clear today, the managers of both Roosevelt and La Follette declare the largest Republican vote in the history of the state will be cast at the primary polls. If the vote is close, it may be Wednesday or Thursday before the result is known. In final statements issued today, the managers for both sides claimed their chiefs would win by safe margins. La Follette spent yesterday in Grand Forks debating to his stenographer on the autobiography he is now preparing. "I have never felt better in my life," he said just before leaving for Minot, "and I think that for a man supposed to be suffering from collapse, I have done a fairly good week's work. I am greatly pleased with the greetings I have received from the people of this state and the enthusiasm of those that have been given me from all quarters. I feel confident that the state will endorse me for president on Tuesday." There was no let-up yesterday in the fight for votes and the work will practically go on until the opening of the polls. Final instructions were sent to every district in the state from both headquarters here. La Follette's local managers claim that all surface indications point to a big victory for their leader. They declare that if sentiment in other sections is anything like that exhibited where La Follette has spoken, he is certain of a big victory. He has spoken to about 25,000 people. The Roosevelt campaigners continue confident and declare that while many people have become excited over the visit of La Follette, the expressions of approval he received would have been but as a drop in the bucket compared to the reception that would have been extended to Roosevelt had he come to North Dakota.

THE POWERS TO PONCE

On to Little Portugal and Reinstating Manuel—Also Divide up Her Colonies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, March 18.—That Spain may intervene to restore the deposed king, Manuel, to his Portuguese throne, giving as an excuse that the present republic there has failed to meet the situation, was the declaration made in diplomatic circles here today by persons friendly to the monarchist cause. They assert that Dom Miguel of Braganza, whose agreement with Manuel was recently made public by the United Press, has held several conferences on the subject with King Alfonso and that the latter is only waiting the psychological moment to act. In return Spain will receive important territorial concessions, the object lesson of a republic at her frontier lending inspiration to the Spanish republicans will be removed and Alfonso will have kept a promise he made to Manuel at the time the latter was compelled to flee. The reports in circulation here today asserted that a verbal understanding has been arrived at by England, Germany and France whereby each will be compensated for not breaking up the plan. England, it was said, will get important holdings in the Azores; Germany, Angola, Portuguese West Africa and France would be permitted to assume certain sections of Morocco which have been in dispute. Dom Miguel, who will be commander-in-chief of the revolutionary Portuguese army, which will take the field to aid Manuel, with his oldest son and his American daughter-in-law, the former Anita Stewart, and the latter's mother, widow of "Silent" Smith, the American speculator, remain at Saint Jean de Lux on the Spanish frontier. Dom Miguel is reported as having made several secret trips to Madrid and developments in the Portuguese situation were believed today to be imminent. Not Always. Opportunity doesn't always present an engraved calling card.

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FOURTEEN MEN ARE KILLED

In a Frightful Explosion at San Antonio, Texas, Today—Boiler Exploded.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—Fourteen men are known to have been killed and scores injured today when the explosion of a locomotive boiler wrecked the roundhouse of the Southern Pacific railroad here. Parts of the boiler were blown several hundred feet by the explosion. Southern Pacific officials stated that fourteen were known to be dead, while others estimates run as high as 25 or 30. The men at work in the shops were mostly strike-breakers brought into San Antonio by the Southern Pacific when the strike of the machinists was inaugurated last fall. The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained, but charges that dynamites were placed in the boiler of the engine are being made. The machine shops, boiler shop and part of the roundhouse were completely wrecked by the terrific explosion. Hardly a vestige of the engine which exploded remains. The jacket of the boiler, which weighs over half a ton, was blown over a block and landed between two houses. Because of the extreme force of the explosion, thorough investigation has been ordered. Confusion followed the catastrophe and an accurate estimate of the dead cannot be made. It is possible most of the dead will never be identified as the bodies were mangled beyond recognition. Remnants of bodies were found for blocks around the railroad yards. This afternoon the rescue crews were hauling out bodies piece by piece from the wreckage of the shops. Not a whole body was found. It was a case of where the Red Cross and volunteer workers had to drag out first an arm, then a leg, and then the trunk of a body. Others were busy within the radius of a block about the shop gathering up fragments of bodies which were found in the streets. The police officials assert that they suspect some outside cause as being responsible for the explosion. The engine stood almost in the center of a square formed by the four buildings. Added Horrors. The feed pipe through which engines take fuel oil was broken and a spout of oil flame added to the horrors of the situation. Of the engine itself, nothing was left standing except the cylinders and head plates. The boiler was lifted, carried half a hundred yards and dumped against the machine shops. Portions of machinery went a thousand feet in the air and rained over adjacent buildings. Inside the machine and blacksmith shops, one building, workmen probably never knew what happened. More than fourteen bodies were dismembered, portions of trunks, boxes of linoleum being found jammed in crevices in the roofs or being entangled in machinery. A great portion of the wall fell inward, burying a dozen men. The strike of the machinists on the Southern Pacific and Harriman lines was called last fall, following the organization of the systems federation, and the submitting of demands for an increase in wages. Little trouble was experienced by the Southern Pacific. Strike-breakers were immediately imported and work in the shops continued. HANLEY FOR PRIMARIES. Columbus, O., March 18.—E. W. Hanley, of Dayton, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, declared for the presidential preference plan here this afternoon. "Unless arguments are presented to the committee to convince me otherwise, I will be for the presidential preference plan," Hanley said, in the first authorized statement he has made since the plan was proposed. Heading Him Off. "Mamma, why is it that the woman never have any secret societies?" "You are too young to understand, darling. But don't ask your papa or I shall not bring home the box of candy I promised you."—Chicago Record-Herald. Cautious. "Is he a tight player?" asked the man who hadn't been to the poker party. "Tight?" echoed the man who had. "Why, that guy has the first chip he ever bought!"—Buffalo Express. The Real Thing. You've heard some noises, but just wait! You'll hear one by and by. Their own Fourth of July. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Declares Against "Soap Box" Presidential Primaries--Would Favor Properly Safe Guarded Elections--A Government by Representation.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boston, Mass., March 18.—Denouncing a "soap box" presidential primary, as an "open avenue for fraud and violence" unless properly safeguarded by legal regulations, President Taft today gave his reasons for opposing a primary unless ample legal machinery is provided. The president spoke to the general court of the legislature of Massachusetts. In discussing the agitation for the recall of judges and the recall of judicial decisions, the president declared that it is impossible for all the people to take a direct part in all the functions of the government. He said the constitution founded a government "of the people, for the people, by a representative part of the people." He denied the proposition that "whatever is right is constitutional."

Many read a direct attack on Colonel Roosevelt in the concluding statement of the president when, after deploring the agitation against the courts and the constitution, he said: "Irresponsible assuages upon either in intemperate language or on baseless assumptions of corruption or bias, or incompetency, made by those whose statements have influence with any part of the people, are a serious menace to enduring government."

The president said in part: "One can easily discover a tendency in modern politics to exalt above the written law and above the written constitution what is called 'popular will,' as if that were a higher law to which we must all admit allegiance and, by obeying it, ignore or transgress statutory and constitutional limitation. This theory is not stated exactly in the form of an assertion that judges and others are to ignore statutes and constitutions because of a conflicting popular will; but it is in the more insidious proposition that plain construction of the statute or of the constitution is to be defeated, and a strained and otherwise impossible construction put upon the language of the statute or constitution in deference to what is supposed to be the popular will. There is no rule for ascertaining what 'popular will' is, except the observation and imagination of the person who is appealing to it. People Have Ruled. "The contents of the proposition, let the people rule; if it has any significance at all and is intended otherwise than to flatter the people, is intended to be a reflection on the government that we have had down to the present time. Now, in spite of all the corruption, in spite of all the machine politics, in spite of every defect in operation of our government, that can be pointed out, I do not hesitate to say that the history of the last 125 years shows that the people have ruled. "The occasion for these remarks is the attack upon our judiciary and the proposal, by judicial recall, or recall of judicial decisions, to destroy its independence and thus to take away from the arch of government, the keystone. I deny that there is in the decisions of the courts or the charter of the judges, the result of litigation, that which justifies such a radical innovation. "I do not hesitate to say that in my judgment a voluntary primary outside the law, known by its informal character as a 'soap box' primary is worse than none; for it gives full opportunity to the ineligible electors of another party to cast unfair votes and without the sanction and safeguard of penal provisions in respect to casting and counting the ballots, is an open avenue for fraud and violence. Wherever full and fair notice of the election can be given, wherever adequate election safeguards can be thrown around to protect a preferential primary for the presidency, I favor it and welcome it. Government by Representation. "It is eminently appropriate that in every election and in the discussion of all issues that affect the republic, we should discuss and hear much of the popular will and of the rights of the people. This is a government based on popular control. But it is impossible for all the people to take direct part in all governmental functions. They must be represented by competent persons to carry out their general will. In other words, our government is a government of the people for the people, by a representative part of the people, under a fundamental compact which has vindicated its wisdom, its equity and its utility in the growth of our country under its beneficent provisions from a struggling three millions on the Atlantic coast, to a nation, continent wide of sixty millions. Not Much Confidence in People. "The government is not found on the proposition that the people in one expression or by one vote cannot make. "There are those who by a radical change in our institutions would force equality of conditions as well as of opportunities. They would do this by curtailing in one way or another, the right of property. Those who have studied closely the operations of the past believe that next to the right of liberty, the institution of private property is the greatest uplifter of men that we have had. "It affords me pleasure to congratulate. Continued on Page Five.

RUNAWAY CONVICTS

Who Killed Nebraska Pen Officials Reported all Dead.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Convicts Gray and Dowd, two of Warren DeWenty's murderers, are dead, the Denver being slain by the posse and Dowd killing himself when convinced that all escape was cut off. Morely, the third and last fugitive, is still being held in a barn, but the two horses are closing in and his capture or death is certain. The posse and the convicts mixed in a battle of bullets for nearly an hour, the latter first taking refuge in a school house and then fleeing to a barn. (United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—Convict Morely, the third murderer, was also killed. Omaha, Neb., March 18.—The Missouri Pacific office here has a dispatch that Sheriff McShane of Douglas county, was killed in the fight between the bandits and posse.

Philosophical Phelix

