

# CLYDE STRATTON IN A DARING DASH SECURES LIBERTY

Noted Yeggman Convicted From Rock Island County Escapes From Joliet Penitentiary.

## BORED HOLE IN ROOF OF CELL

Was Sent Up for 14 Years for Murder of J. Lee Crowder—Pulled Off Jail Delivery Here.

# CLEVER CROOK WHO ESCAPED FROM PEN



Clyde Stratton.

Joliet, Ill., July 31.—A plan for a general jail delivery, which if successful might have resulted in the escape of 200 convicts from the state penitentiary here, was revealed today when Warden Michael Zimmer investigated the escape of three prisoners who fled last night. Two convicts confessed that 30 or more fellow prisoners were involved in the conspiracy to break out and that inability of any of them except Clyde Stratton to pick a small safety lock on their cell doors prevented others from getting out.

With Stratton, who is notorious as a jail breaker, fled two trustees, William A. Hart and William McGlade, who, according to the confession, were leaders in the conspiracy. None of the three has been retaken.

## Failed to Throw Switch.

The conspiracy has been going on a month, it is said. One by one, tools were taken from the workshop by convicts and finally a spot was selected in the roof through which a hole was bored last night. In 20 minutes an exit was furnished. The 30 in on the plan were to pick the small locks on their doors whenever the opportunity came for one of the trustees to throw the switch which opens all the cells except for the small locks.

This opportunity came, according to the confession, when Harry Dady, a guard, was absent from his post for a short time. Either McGlade or Hart threw the switch and Stratton succeeded in picking the lock and escaping with the other two but the rest of the men were unable to do their part though the return of the guard interrupted two almost successful.

Warden Zimmer today suspended Dady pending the hearing of his case by a civil service board. The convicts who confessed are in "solitary."

Chicago, July 31.—Clyde Stratton, noted convict and two other prisoners, escaped from the Illinois penitentiary at Joliet yesterday, according to a telegram received by the Chicago detective bureau last night. It was the sixth time Stratton had broken out of some prison in a comparatively short criminal career. William A. Hart and William McGlade, the other two to escape, were serving life sentences for murder.

Stratton had been serving a 14 year sentence for the murder of a banker at Silvis, Ill.

Stratton has had a picturesque career. He was arrested here soon after the Logue murder in the McVicar building several years ago and turned over to the federal authorities for a postoffice robbery and sent to Leavenworth. He escaped from Leavenworth by crawling through a hole in the wall, and Stratton twice got out of the Ohio penitentiary.

The manner of escape last night was still a mystery early today. One theory was that the three men sawed locks on their cell doors.

## Bored Hole in Roof.

A hole bored in the roof of the cell corridor at the prison furnished the means of escape for the three convicts. It was found today by investigators directed by Warden Michael Zimmer.

While the search was going on for the prisoners today, two others were detected just after they had picked a lock on a cell door. Warden Zimmer has instituted an investigation of the conduct of the guards whose laxity is blamed for the escape.

## Makes Good His Threat.

The above dispatch shows that Clyde Stratton, notorious yegg, has made good his threat. When placed in the Joliet penitentiary for the murder of J. Lee Crowder at Silvis, he warned the officials to watch him.

"You better keep an eye on me, because when the opportunity comes, I'm going to go," he said.

Stratton had a long wait. He was taken to Joliet, June 30, 1913, and not until yesterday did his chance come, but when it did, he escaped as he has done on numerous other occasions.

Rock Island residents have occasion to remember Clyde Stratton, for he was one of the most desperate criminals ever tried in this county.

J. Lee Crowder, banker and merchant of Silvis, was murdered on the

night of Dec. 7, 1912. Four yeggmen entered the bank, and after tying up Crowder in a sheet, and gagging him, beat him into insensibility and took \$500 from his person and \$400 from the safe. On March 17, 1913, Crowder died of his injuries.

A crook giving the name of Thomas Jefferson, was caught in Moline within three hours after the crime. He was riding on a street car and had \$100 on his person. Jefferson refused to give any information concerning himself until along in May when Clyde Stratton was arrested in Pekin on a charge of burglary and larceny at Mackinaw, Tazewell county. He was indicted and his case continued until September.

Previous to this, Stratton had blown up a postoffice at McCool, Ill., and was sentenced to Fort Leavenworth where he made his daring escape by crawling through a sewer. He broke his ankle in this escape but continued his attempt until he gained his liberty. Others who were with him gave up the ordeal and returned to the prison.

After Stratton's arrest at Pekin, his apartments in Chicago were raided and a letter was found which Jefferson had written to Stratton. This established the connection between the two and led to the confession which Jefferson then made to State's Attorney Thompson, in which he told all of the details of the murder and implicated Stratton, Harry Hampton, Harry Callahan and himself, claiming that Stratton engineered the deal.

Acting on his own initiative, State's Attorney Thompson went to Pekin and made arrangements to bring Stratton here for trial, agreeing to return him to Tazewell county if the prosecution here failed.

## Had Delivery Here.

It was while an inmate of the Rock Island county jail that he gave the citizens here a real thrill by pulling off a jail delivery. At 6 o'clock on the afternoon of May 31, 1913, he and several of his pals secured several benches and placing them together crawled up to a new skylight which had been just placed on the building, unbolted iron gates which had been placed over it, and jumped to the roof. With Stratton were Louis Kleinau, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; Bert Malcolm, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, and Harry Dillon, charged with burglary and larceny.

Hugo Alvine, turnkey, encountered Stratton and Kleinau in the jail yard. Stratton shouted to his pal: "Kill him if he don't give up his gun." Stratton then knocked the official down and Kleinau assaulted him with a brick while they searched for a weapon, but Alvine was not armed. A posse was formed at once and Stratton was captured within a few hours in a cellar in the west end of town; Kleinau jumped in the river, but Alvine forced him to come out; Malcolm was caught; Alvine was arrested in the jail yard and Dillon escaped to Iowa, but was later caught.

After one of the hardest fought criminal trials ever held in this county, Stratton was convicted and given 14 years in the state penitentiary, the conviction being largely due to Jefferson turning state's evidence. Stratton was ably defended by Henry I. Nowlan, Peoria, who later committed suicide by jumping in front of a train at Galva. The conviction was a big victory for State's Attorney Thompson.

## EMPLOYMENT BUREAU FINDS WORK FOR 142

One hundred forty-two applicants for jobs were placed by the Illinois free employment bureau last week. In the male classification were 130 applications for places, 133 applications for men and 118 men placed. In the female classification were 31 applications for positions, 30 applications for help, and 24 placed.

# SOCIALIST EVENT GREATLY ENJOYED

Fifth Annual Outing of Mississippi Valley Association Is Held at Watch Tower.

## DUNCAN McDONALD IS SPEAKER

Secretary of Miners of Illinois Blames Industrial Interests for the Trouble in Mexico.

Regardless of the intense heat, the fifth annual picnic of the Mississippi Valley Socialist association held yesterday at the Watch Tower was a complete success. Hundreds of members of the party and their families were in attendance and enjoyed the outing to the fullest extent.

Special interest centered in the address which was given by Duncan McDonald, Springfield, secretary-treasurer of the miners of Illinois. He took as his theme "Socialism, the Hope of the Workers." He treated the political issues of 1916 from the viewpoint of socialism, showing that a conflict is growing between those who own the nation's industries and those who work in the institutions. According to the speaker this struggle within the nation is of vastly more importance to the workers than the strained relations existing between the United States and Mexico.

## Blames Interests in Mexico.

He explained the Mexican situation as arising from the fact that the industrial interests of the United States coveted the resources of the republic to the south. He discussed the strike of the cement workers at La Salle and Oglesby and said that he had at one time worked in the cement plants there and expressed wonder that the workers had not gone on strike long ago. He was of the opinion that socialism is the only hope of the workers and pointed out that industry had developed to such a degree that the nation must either take over the trusts or the people would become industrial serfs.

## Dexter Makes Talk.

J. Edgar Owens of this city who is the socialist candidate for the legislature, presided and introduced as the first speaker N. S. Dexter, Moline, who is congressional candidate of his party. The athletic program which was enjoyed following the basket dinner at noon, was exciting. The baseball game between the single and married men was called at the end of the sixth inning with the score 3 to 2 in favor of the bachelors. The tug of war between Rock Island county and Scott county was won by the former. There were four races and other events, in which prizes offered by tri-city merchants, were awarded.

## SWIFT & COMPANY PAY OUT A PENSION

A gift of \$2,000,000 was made today by Swift & Co. to their employees in Rock Island and elsewhere in the country. Announcement of the accumulation of this sum during the past six years in the form of a pension fund occasions much gratification to workers in the plants and branch houses in all cities where it is made simultaneously. It is estimated that more than 30,000 men and women are eligible in time to come under the provisions of the fund.

One of the striking features of the plan, as outlined, is that the employed do not contribute to the fund, the company furnishing absolutely all money needed to pay pensions. In this connection it is expected that Swift & Co. will be called upon to pay \$400,000 a year in addition to the income from the fund in order to meet the demands.

## FINE PICTURES ARE SECURED FOR TOWER

Manager George Stephenson of the Watch Tower is arranging to make the resort more popular than ever. He announces today that he has completed arrangements for an excellent Triangle program of movies each Tuesday evening. The new service will begin tomorrow evening, when William S. Hart will be seen in "The Discipline," a western drama, and Chester Conklin will appear in "Saved by Wireless," a Keystone comedy.

## DOGS SANS MUZZLES AND CHECKS ARE SHOT

Unmuzzled dogs and those not checked are in danger in the streets of Rock Island these days. If the owners are known the police notify them of the requirements of the law. If the owners are not known and especially if the canines display any evidence of being affected by the heat—bang! and it's all over with Rover. Two animals were shot on the postoffice grounds Saturday afternoon.

## AUTOMOBILE STRIKES GIRL, BREAKING BONE

Dorothy Raithel, aged 5 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Raithel, Jr., 129 1/2 Third street, was struck by an automobile driven by Phil Wilcher last evening and suffered the fracture of her collar bone. The girl had stepped from a Long View car at Eighteenth avenue and Twentieth street and went around the car in front of the approaching automobile. Mr. Wilcher stopped his car before the rear wheels had passed over her.

New Turk Minister at Hague. The Hague, Netherlands.—The appointment as Turkish minister at the Hague of Mukhtar Bey, who, according to advices from Constantinople, is one of the best diplomats of the young Turks, is interpreted by the Dutch press as showing that the porte imparts a special importance to this post in connection with the role which Holland and its queen are expected to play in eventual mediation for the opening of peace negotiations, and with the probability that such negotiations will take place here. Mukhtar Bey was under secretary of state at the ministry of foreign affairs in Constantinople at the time of his appointment, and before the war minister at Athens. He is just over 40, and is described as an excellent public speaker and a cosmopolitan by nature.

# POLICE SWEAT OVER MYSTERY AND CURSE TO NO AVAIL AT ALL

It was another one of those bothersome mysteries—and it was a hot night Saturday night. Patrolmen cursed under their breaths at mysteries and at the heat as they mopped their brows and searched for John Miller of Bettendorf.

"Maybe the kid was wrong and he did not go in swimming," superior officers had told the patrolman. "Search the city for Miller."

"He went in swimming and he sank. He didn't come up again," Francis Miller, youthful brother of the missing man, told the police at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night as he hastened back to the bank of the stream where he kept an all night vigil watching for the body. But the stream did not give up the remains.

At 7 yesterday morning he was back at the station.

"Nothing to report," he said in despair, and he slipped exhausted into a chair at the station.

Just then the usual number of Saturday night pickups were brought into the desk sergeant's office, where they were turned loose. They had been picked up just to get them off the street. Police were startled by a sudden cry of joy emanating from the boy in the chair.

"John!" he cried, "I thought you were drowned."

John, the cause of a whole night's search of the entire police department and the all night vigil of his brother, had been sleeping in the bull pen at the headquarters. He was picked up at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night at Pytheenth street and Second avenue by Patrolman Hanshaw on a charge of being drunk. While his remains were being sought he had been snoozing off his jag.

All of which caused one of the harassed cops to say disgustedly: "It hasn't the heat so much; it's the damned troublesome stuff people imagine in hot weather that makes so much useless work and puts streaks of gray in our hair."

# THOMPSON URGES AID TO SOLDIERS

Retired Officer Formerly Located at Rock Island Arsenal Speaker at Chester Rally.

Colonel John T. Thompson, formerly located at the Rock Island arsenal but now of Palmer's Corner, Pa., was one of the principal speakers at a mass meeting which was held last week at Chester, Pa., for the purpose of exciting more interest in the work of raising funds for the dependent families of the Chester soldiers and also to stimulate donations for the boys at the front.

In his address he dwelt upon the unselfish act of the Chester soldiers in going to the front and leaving their families and home comforts behind, and made a stirring appeal for the "stay at homes" to show their patriotism by generously contributing for the relief of militia men's loved ones.

Colonel Thompson is now a retired officer of the United States army. He has many friends in this vicinity.

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# AUTO IS LOOT OF BURGLAR; CAUGHT

William Van Arsdale Nabbed By Rock Island Police for Stealing Machine In Moline.

## TAKEN FROM THE VELLE FACTORY

Defendant Held Under Bond of \$1,000 to a Preliminary Hearing on Charge of Burglary.

First arrest made in Rock Island this year in a case of stolen automobile, despite the fact a number of machines have been taken, occurred Saturday night when Patrolman Krueger apprehended William Van Arsdale on Second avenue.

Van Arsdale had in his possession a Velle touring car, which it is claimed was stolen from the Velle factory in Moline Saturday afternoon. Van Arsdale has not confessed. He was arraigned in police court today and held to a preliminary hearing next Saturday on a charge of burglary and larceny under a bond of \$1,000. He went to the county jail, unable to provide bail.

James Ford, arrested in Spencer Square late Saturday night on a charge of highway robbery, was released today on account of lack of evidence.

Ford was apprehended on complaint of another man who told police that he had stuck up a pedestrian in the square. The case appeared very confusing to the police. They doubted the sincerity of the complaint. No one appeared at the police headquarters today and accordingly Ford was released. He had only \$2.75 on his person. Police said he could not have taken much if this is all he had on him.

## Wife Complains.

Lemuel Goodwin, 2904 Fifth-and-a-half avenue, drew a sentence of ten days in the county jail today. His wife was the complainant. She alleged that Goodwin created a disturbance at their home yesterday. Goodwin admitted it. Officers Ginnane and Krueger arrested him.

Four men each drew a fine of \$5 for disorderly conduct. They are Hugo Carlson, Carl Hudson, Otto Marshall and Thomas Campbell.

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