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THREE DEAD, FIVE STILL TRAPPED IN MINE

KILBY CONVICT RECAPTURED IN PENSACOLA

Conway Tells How He Talked To Montgomery Officer After Prison Break

ONE IS STILL AT LARGE

Fugitive Injured Foot In Leap From Wall; They Painted Suits Green

Zemer Conway, escaped Kilby Prison convict who faces a total of 216 years behind bars, was in the custody of Pensacola, Fla., police today after being captured there peacefully while sitting in a park "running himself."

Conway, with two other prisoners, Jack Brown and Waymon Mason, both from Jefferson County, escaped from Kilby Prison on the night of May 29. Mason was recaptured here Monday. Brown still is at large.

Chief of Police William O'Connell, who with Special Officer O. U. Everett, captured Conway, has notified Kilby officials that he is holding the prisoner for return.

Guards Dismissed

After the escape four guards were dismissed from Kilby for failure to perform their duties and for negligence.

Ironically, Conway was in Montgomery a short time ago, standing on a street corner when a policeman came up and began talking to him, the fugitive told Pensacola police. Not recognizing the fugitive, the Montgomery officer asked Conway his name and Conway gave him a fictitious one. The officer asked him where he was going and he said home to Greenville (Conway lived in Mobile). The officer said "All right, get going."

Conway told the Pensacola police chief about his escape. He was quoted as saying:

"We planned the escape for two days and then on the night of May 29 we sawed the bars of our cell on the fifth floor and sealed down a rope to the ground.

Watched Guards

"We crawled to the wall and hooked a ladder to the top of it, which is 22 feet high. I crawled up last. We saw the guards pacing back and forth. When I saw my chance I leaped for the rope to slide down the other side. I missed the rope and fell 23 feet to the ground outside.

"The fall stunned me for a few minutes. I discovered I had a broken instep, but I was able to hobble off two miles to a hiding place with the other two men.

"The other two men went on the next day. I stayed for four days without food or water before I was able to leave."

The three men had gotten some green paint inside the prison and after they made their escape painted their white prison garb to hide their identity and make it hard to see them when they hid in the grass.

—Staff Photos.

Banker Sees Birmingham's Skyline Rising

LEO K. STEINER . . . he looks at Birmingham skyline and dreams.

Birmingham's Rise To No. 1 Steel Producer Predicted

Banker Leo Steiner Says City's Population Should Be Around Half-Million Mark In Next 20 Years; He Cites New Advantages For Industry

By Cecil Hornady

What will Birmingham be like 10, 20 or 30 years from now? What is the economic and social future of the city's 290,000 citizens?

In an effort to find out, The Post went to Leo K. Steiner, Birmingham banker, and asked for his opinion on the Birmingham of the future.

Based on his 50 years here as a banker—the town was in swaddling clothes in 1888—and on a careful analysis of present conditions, Mr. Steiner predicted that Birmingham will become the greatest manufacturing steel producing center in the United States.

The banker, who came to Alabama at the age of 14 from Bohemia—then in Austria, now in Czechoslovakia—foresees a great metropolis covering a vast area of Shades Valley.

When the village was chartered in 1871, only a few hundred people occupied the site around which 290,000 inhabitants are now scattered. Within 20 years, Birmingham should have a population of at least a half million, Mr. Steiner predicted.

He bases his prediction of Birmingham's growth on two facts:

1. The city's new industrial water supply.

2. The elimination of the steel price differential.

Birmingham, in the banker's opinion, will some day be a munitions manufacturing center. He cited the district's coal, limestone and iron ore deposits, its comparatively safe

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PERSONS NAMED AS NEC ADVISOR

He And 19 Others From South Will Tell Of Conditions Here

John C. Persons, president of the First National Bank, will journey to Washington Tuesday with 19 other prominent Southern citizens to tell National Emergency Council officials what they know about economic conditions in the South.

The 20 Southerners were requested to appear before the council by Lowell Mellett, executive director of the council, who is acting at the suggestion of President Roosevelt.

"Attention recently has been focused particularly upon the South in connection with the wages and hours bill," the President wrote Mr. Mellett.

The 20 Southerners will serve as an advisory committee in preparing a study for presentation to the President on the basis of Government information already compiled.

CARRIERS ARE GUESTS AT SWIMMING PARTY

BESSEMER, July 1.—(Special)—Mayor Jap Bryant was host to 50 Bessemer carriers for The Birmingham Post at a swimming party this morning in the Roosevelt Park swimming pool.

Besides the carriers, Branch Manager Willie Finn [illegible] and Jim Henry enjoyed the water along with City Commission Manager P. K. McGinnis.

DIXON GOES TO COAST FOR VACATION, REST

Frank M. Dixon, nominee for governor, left this morning for a three weeks' vacation at Point Clear, on Mobile Bay.

Tired after an intensive study of Alabama's governmental set-up, and interviewing hundreds of visitors, Mr. Dixon says his visit to Point Clear will be for a rest with his family.

"I do not expect to have visitors," he said.

FIGHT FOR CUT IN BECO RATES WINS SUPPORT

Reduction Of $150,000 Per Year Is Recommended By APSC Engineer

HEARING SET FOR JULY

Report Climaxes Probe Of Complaint Made By 50 Birmingham Firms

Reductions of more than $150,000 a year in the commercial light and power rates of the Birmingham Electric Co. were recommended to the Alabama Public Service Commission today by the commission's chief engineer, T. F. McDonnell of Birmingham.

High White, commission president, said a hearing on the recommendation will be held in Birmingham on July 26, when Beco will be given opportunity to protest the proposed reduction.

Mr. McDonnell's report to the commission was made yesterday, climaxing an investigation by the commission's engineering department which was launched last November upon a complaint filed by Abe Berkowitz, representing more than 50 Birmingham business firms.

The proposed reductions in Beco's commercial light and power rates would affect some 6000 customers in the Birmingham area.

Mr Berkowitz charged the H-2 and CS-2 schedules of Beco were "unreasonable and unlawful." The hearing to be held here July 26 will embrace these two schedules as well as other commercial light and power rates. The only rates not involved in the hearing are the residential and industrial power schedules.

Mr. McDonnell's report recommended that Beco consolidate some of its various commercial rates.

Berkowitz said he was confident substantial reductions would be put into effect on the commercial light and power rates within the next 60 days.

Heading the list of firms represented by Mr Berkowitz in the proceeding was the Paramount Cigar & Soda Co., 20th-st and Second-av. n.

TONIGHT'S LINE-UP

NASHVILLE—	BARONS—
Walker cf.	Bluege ss.
Rodda, 2b	Clancy 1b
Chapman rf.	Glenn, cf.
Haas, 1b	Howell rf
Dixie, If	Scott, rf
Rosporid, 3b.	Majeski 2b
Bizemire, c.	Arickstea 3b
Brown, ss.	McDonnell ss.
Starr, p.	Blake, p.

Game called at 8:15 p. m.

Get Out Your Cameras, Try For A Prize

Get your cameras in shape, and start snapping!

The Post's 1938 Amateur Snapshot Contest officially gets under way this week-end.

You can take any kind of picture and it will fall into one of the four classifications arranged for the contest, so you don't have to worry about whether your picture will be eligible for competition.

The deadline for the first week's entries has not been set yet, but will be announced in The Post.

And remember, the July 4th week-end should offer you opportunities for unusual shots, because you'll be celebrating the glorious Fourth with thousands of other fun-seekers.

They Make Movies And News, Too

MOTHER

By Central Press

HOLLYWOOD, July 1.—Dick Powell crooned a cradle song today to an eight-pound baby girl who was born yesterday to Joan Blondell, his actress wife.

The child will be christened "Ellen." She was born in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital while Powell paced the corridor. It is Miss Blondell's second child. She has a three-year-old son, Norman Scott Barnes, by her first marriage to George Barnes, a cameraman. Powell adopted this boy with Barnes' approval.

INJURED

ARLINE JUDGE and DAN TOPPING

By Central Press

NEW YORK, July 1.—Arline Judge, motion picture actress, was in a hospital today with minor injuries suffered in an automobile accident. She was hurt when her husband, Dan Topping, society man, pulled his car up short in trying to avoid another automobile. Topping suffered a torn tendon in his right ankle and also was in the hospital.

NINTH RESCUED AFTER ROCKFALL IN PRACO SHAFT

Rockfall Traps Crew 500 Feet From Mouth Of Shaft; Rescuers Report They Can Hear Men Talking Behind Wall

Rescue workers this afternoon dug feverishly into the debris caused by a rockfall 500 feet below the surface of the Praco coal mine of the Alabama By-Products Corp. this morning.

Three white miners were killed, two others were believed dead, one was brought out seriously injured and three others were trapped in the mass of rock.

The three dead were identified as:

J. I. Wingard, assistant superintendent of the mine, who was caught by a large timber which fell across his chest 600 feet from the mouth of the mine. Rescue workers were unable to reach him.

Leonard Dockins.

Lloyd Painter, 24.

The bodies of Dockins and Painter were brought to the surface.

Ninth Brought Out

Carl Shackleford was brought out shortly after noon. His legs were badly injured. He will recover, physicians believe.

The three miners who were trapped by the falling rock could be heard by the rescue crews. Two of them were able to shout their names so that they could be heard.

They were Willard Elmore and Gurley Hyatt. The third man trapped by the debris could be heard groaning. He was hurt so badly he could not talk distinctly enough for the workmen to make out his name.

The rescuers quickened their efforts to dislodge the three men from the mass of rock covering them as they knew the air was bad in the mine and that minutes were precious.

500 Feet Underground

The fall occurred at a point about 6000 feet from the mouth of the mine and 500 feet below the surface of the earth. More than 200 men were at work in scattered sections of the mine when the roof of a sector about 300 feet long caved, trapping nine or 10 men, all white.

Mine officials were able to account for the whereabouts of nine of the men. They feared one or two other miners may have been trapped in the fall.

The Praco Mine is 30 miles west of Birmingham. The men were loading coal when the roof fell in.

First Major Accident

It was the first serious accident at the mine since it was opened in 1926, company officials said.

J. W. Porter, president of the company which operates the mine, ordered a portion of the roof gave way, crushing some of the miners and trapping others behind the mass of debris which piled up.

Rivera Allender, one of the men who escaped from the mine, said he was working about 25 feet from the cave-in. The fall caused such a strong wave of air that it almost knocked him to the ground, he said.

"It was almost like an explosion, the wind was so strong," he said.

Talks As He Dies

Allender said Dockins was pinned beneath a heavy rock and talked with companions and rescuers for several minutes before he died.

"I had been keep settling on him harder and harder. He quit talking and then started moaning something awful as the pain got worse. Then the rock just crushed the life out of him. It was pretty bad to see something like that."

Mr. Porter said the Praco mine had an excellent safety record and that a major disaster had never occurred there.

At the time of the cave-in, a white flag denoting 60 days without even a minor accident flew over the entrance to the mine.

WOMEN INJURED IN STORE RUSH

Nine Hurt As Plate Glass Window Breaks In Bargain Rush

Nine women, seven of them Negroes, were slightly injured this morning when a plate glass window crashed before a crowd estimated at 1000 in front of Lord's, women's apparel store, 1909 Third-av. n.

The crowd was waiting in front of the store for it to open. A sale of dresses had been advertised for today, and a particular lot of them were to be sold for the price of one token.

At 9:15 a. m. the crowd had gathered in front of the store, waiting for it to open. Suddenly, according to Miss Ledena Carter, an eyewitness who was caught in the crowd, surged forward against the plate glass window on the right of the door. It crashed, spattering glass over the crowd.

Those injured, all treated at Hillman Hospital, were:

Mrs. L. B. Reed, 27, of North Birmingham.

Miss Jaunita Wamack, 15, 1903 1-2 Second-av. n.

Negroes:

Ruby Davis, 1712 29th-st. n.

Hattie Marshall, Route 1, Birmingham.

Ivey Mallory, 3529 31st-av. n.

Lillie Mae Pate, 1037 12th-st. n.

Lena Mae Edwards, 1204 Fourth-av. n.

Ethel Steele, 1204 Fourth-av. n.

Evelyn Stephens, 1203 12th-av. n.

The injured were taken through the store and out a back door to ambulances.

Another woman, unidentified, fainted, but was revived.

A squad of police arrived on the scene a few minutes after the window crashed and closed the store momentarily. A few minutes later they opened it under police supervision and let small groups of customers enter at regular intervals.

CITIZENS SEEK WAY TO HELP SCHOOLS

Committee Of 20 Explores Revenue Possibilities

A county-wide committee of 20 representative citizens was marshaled today to explore a wide range of possibilities for more revenue for the five school systems in Jefferson County, looking toward legislative action in the coming session.

W. I. Pittman, member of the County Board of Education, elected chairman of the movement at a recent meeting of citizens and legislators, today announced the personnel of the committee chosen in a conference with the other officers. The full committee will hold its first meeting on July 11 at the Courthouse.

The group of 20 has been divided into subcommittees for intensive study of five phases of the financial problem.

1. A study on the payment of the minimum program funds in full from the state and the possibility of additional amounts to Jefferson County; Dr. J. E. Bryan, county superintendent of education; W. C. Davis, principal of Bessemer High School; Miss Clementine Allen, teacher at Barker School; B. Clayton, chairman, of the Tarrant Board of Education.

2. Recommendations on the extension of the minimum program to eight months and an estimate of what additional funds would be available to each system in Jefferson County on the present methods of distribution: Dr. C. B. Glenn, superintendent of Birmingham schools; I. W. Sims, teacher at Shades-Cahaba High School; Mrs. S. A. Moore, Parent-Teacher

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LIONS WILL ROAR

HOLLYWOOD, July 1. — Bob Burns, Arkansas comedian, today accepted an invitation to appear before the 22nd annual convention of the International Assn. of Lions Clubs in Oakland, Cal., on July 26.

COUNT UNDER BOND FOR 'GUN THREATS'

Barbara's Husband Goes To Court In London

By Central Press

LONDON, July 1.—Count Court Haugwitz-Reventlow was released on bond of $10,000 today and ordered to return to Bow Street Police Court next Tuesday in connection with a charge that he threatened to shoot his wife, the former Barbara Hutton, $40,000,000 5-and-10-cent store heiress.

The handsome Danish count was required to promise that he would not attempt to communicate with the counless after Sir Patrick Hastings, her chief counsel, had made a dramatic reference to a "firearm" in connection with the following charge:

"That he (the count) used threats toward the complainant (Countess Barbara) whereby she apprehends that there is danger of her life or of some bodily harm and no will do or cause to be done to her."

Every effort was made to keep the hearing on a friendly plane. But those in the courtroom were startled when Hastings said of the counts chief counsel, Norman Birkett, and the count:

"It is most undesirable that either of us should say a word more than is necessary at this moment. I am told, however, that there is a

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LATE NEWS FLASHES

Graves To Revise State Working Conditions

MONTGOMERY, July 1.—Leaders of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes announced today that Governor Graves next week will issue a proclamation revising working conditions for employes of the Alabama Convict and highway Departments. New working conditions will be in line with those sought in a collective bargaining contract by the union, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, the announcement said.

70-Year-Old Man Injured In Fall From Roof

J. N. Brafott, 70, of 1426 32nd-st. Central Park, suffered severe internal injuries when he fell from the roof of a house at 20th-av between 26th and 27th-sts, n, today. He was taken to Hillman Hospital.

Body Recovered, May Be Missing Carnegie Kin

By Central Press

NORWALK, Conn., July 1.—A body was recovered from Long Island Sound in a fishing net today and police investigated the possibility that it might be that of Andrew Carnegie Whitfield, who disappeared after flying away from Roosevelt Field, L. I., in his small monoplane on April 5.

Jury Indicts Youth For Child's Slaying

By Central Press

CINCINNATI, July 1.—Linbergh Trent, 19-year-old accused slayer of Shirley Ann Woodrum, 6, was indicted on first-degree murder charges today by a grand jury, of which 10 of the 15 members were women.

Louisiana House Denounces Communism

By Central Press

BATON ROUGE, La., July 1.—The Louisiana House of Representatives today adopted unanimously a resolution which condemned Communism and directed state, city and parish officials to aid in stamping out what was described as "a menace to democracy."

Loyalists Repulse Nationalist Thrust

By Central Press

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier, July 1.—Three Nationalist columns attacked a heavily fortified Loyalist line extending 15 miles inland from the Mediterranean today, but reports to the border indicated that all had been turned back.

Louisville Courier-Journal Endorses Barkley

By Central Press

LOUISVILLE, July 1.—Senate Majority Leader Alben Barkley, who will oppose Gov. A. B. Chandler at the primary polls Aug. 6 for the Democratic senatorial nomination, received endorsement today of The Louisville Courier-Journal, morning newspaper, and its afternoon edition, The Times.

Three Slayers Executed In North Carolina

By Central Press

CENTRAL PRISON, RALEIGH, N. C., July 1.—Bill Payne and Wash Turner, who climaxed an 11-month spurge of crime by killing State Patrolman George Penn near Asheville, died today in North Carolina's gas execution chamber. Harlier Wiley Brice, 35-year-old Alamance County Negro, was executed for the murder of Shelley Lee in 1929.

Five Injured In Theater Accident

By Central Press

NASHVILLE, July 1.—Five people were slightly injured today when an air-conditioning unit fell from the ceiling of Loew's Vendome Theater, crushing five seats in the large auditorium.

As Justice Is Dealt Out In Birmingham's Federal Court:

By Harold Helfer

The arms of Uncle Sam reached out far against those who violated his peace and dignity and brought them into court today to face the bar of justice.

Arvel Daniels, 26, and Wallace C. Slaughter were the first to face Judge T. A. Murphree. They admitted they had entered the Adamsville Postoffice, broken into a safe and stolen $184 in stamps and $200 in cash.

Lawrence Davis, an attorney, got up and said he knew the Daniels family well. He said they were good people. He said Daniels had married a few months ago, was very devoted to his wife. But he lost his job and money became scarce. Good low. He began going with a companion who had just gotten out of the penitentiary, began drinking whisky. He had been drinking the night of the robbery. The lawyer asked for the mercy of the court.

Judge Murphree ordered each youth to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Then Cotton Barbee, 28, Alfred Eugene Chamberlain, 36, Lawrence Curtis Dees and Mrs. Cotton Barbee were brought before the bar. They were charged with having violated the white slave traffic act by transporting women for immoral purposes from Birmingham

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—Staff Photo.

These five Federal prisoners, who were sentenced to from one to five years after pleading guilty to crimes ranging from violating the Mann act to Postoffice burglary, were pleased to pose for a picture. "We'd like our friends to know where we're going," they said. Left to right, they are, Alfred Eugene Chamberlain, Lawrence Curtis Dees, Arvel Daniels, Wallace C. Slaughter and Cotton Barbee.

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