

Hostage Guards Are All Set Free

Before Turning Them Loose Convicts Debated Whether or Not to Kill Them—Accidental Discharge of a Pistol Started Fight on Pilot Hill—Armed Farmers Join in Pursuit—Encounter With Escapes Likely to be Bloody.

Sacramento, Cal., July 28.—A dispatch to the Bee from one of its correspondents, who is with a posse in pursuit of the escaped convicts, says that the accidental discharge of a pistol by one of the convicts led to a fighting last night at Pilot Hill between the posse and the convicts. The posse was close at hand and when the report of the pistol was heard, opened fire in the

them as to what was to be done, but they finally decided to let their captives go unharmed. About 100 shots were exchanged in the battle at Pilot Hill.

THE MILITIA IN PURSUIT.

SACRAMENTO, July 28.—A special to the Bee from Pilot Hill says:

It is believed the escaped convicts are in the vicinity of Lodi, seven or eight miles from Pilot Hill, where the

rection from which report came. Convict Howard was shot through the abdomen. He immediately shot himself through the heart with a revolver and died in the wagon.

The convicts then forced J. B. McDonough, the general overseer, to stand up in the wagon and wave a white handkerchief. The posse, as soon as the white flag went up, stopped firing for fear of killing the free men. The convicts jumped out of the wagon, shielding themselves with free men, and started afoot.

At 10 o'clock last night the convicts turned Bernard Schlottman, Joe Foster and the following prison officers loose: J. C. McDonough, G. E. Jeter, J. W. Dolan, W. J. Hopton and Thomas J. Seavy. They were released in the brush about four miles south of Diehl's place, and came into Diehl's about 6 o'clock this morning.

John Kiendondorf, one of the guards, tumbled out of the wagon during the firing at Pilot Hill and escaped unhurt. This makes all the free men accounted for and safe.

Killed last night took place, and the militia company is in pursuit, company H. The company is under command of Capt. C. A. Swisher, left Pilot Hill at 4:30 this morning, heading for Jettie. Accompanying the militia are nearly 50 civilians, all heavily armed.

The country is a level prairie. The prisoners have sought safety in the brush with a heavy growth of timber and underbrush.

Farmers in all parts of the invaded district have been in the hunt for the escapees. They are apprehensive of harm come to those in the sparsely settled country with a band of desperate men making a fight for liberty.

P. J. Cochran, the turnkey who was stabled in yesterday's fight in the custody of the guard's office, is still very low. While he is reported by the physicians to be holding his own, his condition is not great in the line of recovery. The knife thrust in the back of his vital points, it is believed, Cochran had not recovered sufficiently from the shock this morning to permit of satisfactory explanation of his wounds.

The corner's bury in the case of Guard W. L. Cotter rendered a verdict of murder against all of the convicts who escaped. The inquest was held at Folsom prison.

TO SHOOT WITHOUT WARNING

At 10 o'clock in the night Convicts Wood, Theron and Eldridge left the others. Wood is said to be the coolist and most intelligent among the escapes. He never showed any excitement during the firing and gave directions to the convicts with great coolness. Theron claims he planned the escape. Convict Gordon left the gang at Mormon Island. He is well armed.

The escaped convicts had a satchel containing dynamite, which they dropped at the foot of the hill.

Diels says the negro Davis was very insolent and ordered everybody around while at his place.

There are many convicts at Pilot Hill, as many more civilians, left Pilot Hill at 4:30 this morning on the trail of the escapes.

All the free men have escaped there will be no more convicts are found, for there will be only the convicts to deal with. The convicts are somewhat short of ammunition and are without food. They are in the fight at Pilot Hill. All of them had small pouches in their pockets but when the

news came, July 28.—Col. H. I. Seymour, who is in charge of the movements of the militia. He has sent company H of Placerville out already and will probably have company C of Placerville out on the posse on the south. The general has sent several sheriffs' posses work wide of the fugitives, who, it is believed, are near Lotus, Eldorado county, and have been seen to be close in with the militia backing them out.

Orders have been sent out from the prison to all pursuers who could be reached to keep the militia to shoot without warning.

Now that the free men have been released there will be no temporizing with them. When the pursuers come up on them, and have been looked for some time this afternoon or this evening at the latest.

LATEST FROM CONVICTS.

Auburn, Cal., July 28.—The latest report concerning the escaped convicts is that they were at Lotus, six miles from Pilot Hill, this morning at 6 o'clock. When the various posses were about to surround them, the convicts were all together, that is, 11 of

The free men had a most remarkable escape. Three of them have bullet scratches on their heads, one on the cheek by a bullet. Schlottman was grazed under the chin, the mark showing plainly, and Horton was grazed on the back of the neck. Both men are running for the Sierra Nevada mountains toward Lake Tahoe. They have less than 20 miles to go before they reach a point of safety. It is believed that the fugitives will be captured by Sheriff Reese of Sacramento, accompanied by Constable Clifford Brown of Lincoln, passed through Auburn this morning and will join Deputy Sheriff

their hostages or turn them loose. There was a difference of opinion among militia company left Cool this morning going in the direction of Lotus.

ENGINEERS DISCUSS IRRIGATION

Denver, July 28.—The expenditure of millions of dollars by the United States government for the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of arid land in the great west, is the subject

Engineers in charge of the proposed works in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming are in attendance at the conference. The Gunnison tunnel

of discussion among engineers of the government reclamation service, now in session in Denver. The conclusions of this conference will be reported to the board of the United States Reclamation Service.

ing, of the interior checkbook by Chief Engineer P. H. Newell, and orders for active work will then be given.

CHARLES D. MOYER ARRESTED

He Was Charged with Carrying Concealed Weapons and Jailed.

Leadville, Colo., July 28.—Charles D. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was arrested here at 4 o'clock this morning by Sheriff Jones, charged with carrying concealed weapons. Mr. Moyer admitted having a .45 caliber revolver in his hip pocket, but turned it over to the sheriff. He was then marched to jail and locked up. At noon Mr. Moyer had not been released and his friends are indignant.

Shoshone and North Platte rivers in Wyoming will also receive special attention.

received with much applause. It is probable that a petition embodying the views expressed by Wilcox will be prepared for presentation to Congress by Delegate Kalkanianale. Such an appeal would doubtless receive the signatures of many natives.

Negroes Seek Southern Homes.

Evansville, Ind., July 28.—Many negroes have been passing through this city on their way to the south, where they will seek homes. Many of them came from Danville, Ill., and points on the Illinois Central railway. The peo-

An English Customs Bill

London, July 28.—In the course of a latent in common today on the following business of the session, Premier Balfour informed the house that customs bill would be introduced something among other things the duty on

ST. BIRMINGHAM.

Indiana towns has grown more lax since the trouble in Evanston recently.

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**STILL SEARCHING FOR
YOUNG LARKINS' BODY**

If Pittsburgh Wins.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 28.—President Heyfus, of the Pittsburg team of the National Baseball league, announces that if Pittsburg wins the National league pennant, the winner of the American league must be challenged to a series of eleven games to decide the championship of the world, the con-

All efforts to find the body of Roy Larkin, the unfortunate inn who lost his life in the waters of the Great Salt Lake on Friday last, have thus far been unavailing. After doing all he could to find the body, the captain agreed to

being that the winner receives 50 percent of the vote receipts and the loser 50 percent. The winner also to visit the west and the coast as world's champions, the best to remain at home, the best to remain at home, the best to remain at home.

Home Rule — **Dependence**, Honolulu, July 28. — (By Pacific cable.) At today's session of the Home state Convention, ex-Secretary Wilcox urged that Congress be memorialized to grant the Hawaiian Islands Home Rule. He strongly favored the establishment of a government for the Islands similar to that of Cuba. His remarks were